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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman speaks to reporters after meeting with team owners earlier in September. After little negotiating since the lockout, the reps for the players and owners are expected to hold talks Friday. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspected E. coli victim nearly died

Warning. Close relative recalls horror as number of infection cases climbs; U.S. shuts door to Alberta beef producer

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As the number of E. coli cases in Alberta grows, a close relative of one child recently infected issued a stark warning Tuesday of the horrors that could come with eating tainted meat.

Roughly two weeks ago, Calgary-area four-year-old Sarah Demoskoff consumed some beef purchased from a local grocery story that her family believes may have been infected.

Even now, the youngster's kidneys are not functioning, but at one point it was unclear if she would pull through at all.

"It was very close," said the relative, who asked not to be identified by name. "Her kidneys shut down; they had to do a surgery. If they had left it any longer, that could have been it."

Suspected E. coli victim Sarah Demoskoff, 4, continues to struggle in hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Alberta Health Services announced Tuesday they have now confirmed eight E. coli infection cases but have not confirmed a source.

This comes as Alberta-based XL Foods continues to get a handle on a massive meat recall concerning 250 products.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service announced it was halting import of all products from the company.

Demoskoff's family, meanwhile, continues to await further test results to verify if the youngster's infection came from meat. Her relative described the past two weeks as a "nightmare," and said the lessons learned are something the family will carry forever.

"You should be able to be able to go to a grocery store, pick up your food and not worry about fighting for your life," she added.

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Top cop vows to 'relentlessly' pursue sex-assault suspects

Precaution. Police are advising women to avoid travelling at night and to always carry a cellphone when going out

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Calgary's police chief addressed a rash of high-profile sex assaults with some of his members Tuesday and deemed investigations into the incidents a top priority.

"We pursue these people relentlessly," Rick Hanson said. "They (the suspects) are clearly a risk to public safety."

A number of high-profile groping cases have come to light this summer, but police have maintained the overall number of incidents is on par with previous years.

In a strange twist to the sex-related crimes, at least four victims have claimed their attacker was riding a bike, sometimes without clothing on.

In some incidents over the summer, the female victim was groped. In others, the male suspect exposed himself and made crude remarks or gestures.

Police have continuously advised women to avoid travelling at night, carry a mobile device at all times and call for help if approached by an attacker.

A sexual-addiction therapist told Metro last month that the activities reported by Calgary victims are "like a drug addiction" to their attackers and have the potential to escalate.

Hanson said Tuesday it's likely the suspects police are searching for are beyond reasoning with.

"These incidents are very disconcerting to the Calgary Police Service ... what we intend to do is find them and arrest them," Hanson said.

A new incident

- **Latest claim.** Another woman has come forward and claimed that a man riding a bike groped her. The alleged incident took place around 4:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in the 5800 block of Bow Crescent N.W.
- **Description.** Police say the suspect is described as a white male between the ages of 18-20 years old. He has a slim build, caramel-coloured hair and was wearing a baseball cap, dark sunglasses and a white, short-sleeved T-shirt and black board shorts. The bike he was riding at the time has a small frame as well.

Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson said all sex-related attacks reported in the city are a priority for his members. A rash of sex assaults has police pursuing suspects "relentlessly," he added. METRO FILE

Carmen Rennie, 22, and her son Callen. Rennie said she awoke Tuesday morning to find a stranger hovering over her baby. CONTRIBUTED

Mom wakes up to stranger in home

Calgary mother Carmen Rennie said she thought it was a dream when she woke up from a nap on Tuesday and saw a stranger in her home, hovering over her four-month-old son and speaking in baby talk to the child.

"I closed my eyes and shook my head, kind of like an 'am I dreaming?' sort of thing, and then when I opened my eyes again she was still there, playing with him," Rennie told Metro, hours after the alleged incident.

"And then she looked at me and I looked at her and she stood up and just booked it out of my house."

The child was left unharmed and nothing appeared stolen from the home, Rennie said.

She contacted police around noon but officers found no suspects.

"We attended en masse and we came up with nothing," Insp. Paul Stacey said. "We had the canine unit out at the scene; they could develop no suspect tracks."

Rennie described the stranger as a white woman in her 30s, with long, brown, "wavy or frizzy" hair, wearing a red pullover sweat shirt. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO/ WITH FILES FROM KATIE TURNER

Door left unlocked

- Several police units, responded to Rennie's MacEwan home and searched the surrounding area.
- Rennie said her back door had been left unlocked prior to the alleged incident.

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Graeme Reaper with CJAY 92 is questioning the enforcement of Calgary's zero-alcohol policy at local athletic parks.
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Radio station's Beer Mile stopped before pints poured

Dispute. Radio host says liquor law for recreational facilities not enforced fairly

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Suds and sprinters won't mix at a Calgary recreation track Wednesday after the city denied plans by a radio station to attempt a wobbly world record.

The so-called "Beer Mile" recently earned fame after celebrity watcher TMZ aired footage of U.S. Olympic 800-metre runner Nyck Symmonds taking an unsuccessful shot at the world record.

The Beer Mile concept is simple enough — every quarter-mile participants stop to chug a beer before carrying on their way.

Graeme Reaper, a local radio personality with CJAY 92, hoped to gather some alcohol-guzzling athletes at Foothills Athletic Park for another world-record attempt Wednesday but said city officials refused to budge on a zero-alcohol policy that came into effect in 2011.

Still, organizers had hoped to press on, Reaper said, but a city representative informed the station that bylaw officers would be ready and waiting.

While Reaper is aware of the city's policy, he said the law is unevenly enforced and believes the station is being unfairly targeted for promoting the event.

"Consider on any given weekend how many beers are consumed at a slo-pitch game," he said. "I think it's ridiculous."

But Michele McDonald, a spokesperson for the city's recreation department, said the city's standard is in line with restrictions contained in the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act.

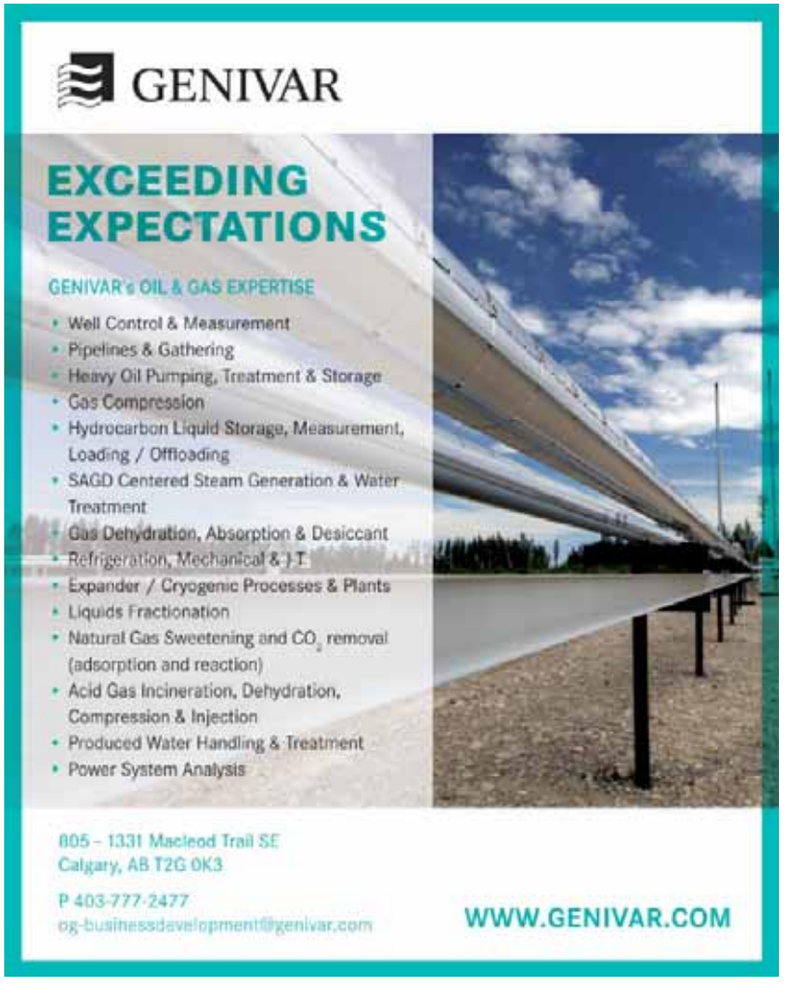
"The pickup baseball game does not, presumably, require alcohol.... The policy is zero-tolerance," she said.

While some outdoor athletic events have been granted a special-events permit — the Canadian Track and Field Championships being one example — McDonald said organizers are typically still required to section off a specific area or tent for service and consumption of liquor.

CJAY 92's parent company, Astral Media, informed Reaper Tuesday they are no longer pursuing a Beer Mile event.

World record

According to beermile.com, the current world record belongs to former Canadian marathon national champion Jim Finlayson, who stayed upright for a blistering time of 5:09 while knocking back bottles of Granville Island's winter ale.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It's a boy. Calgary Zoo welcomes new hippo

Weeks after saying goodbye to their longest resident Foggy the hippo, the Calgary Zoo announced Tuesday they're welcoming a new hippo.

Foggy, 47, was euthanized last month due to ongoing health issues, but zoo officials say a six-year-old male river hippopotamus arrived Monday from the Granby Zoo in Quebec. He has yet to be christened with a name, but was nicknamed Ghost before his arrival.

Keepers plan to introduce the new hippo to his surroundings, and his fellow pool-mate, slowly. He will be in the main exhibit pool and the back-of-house pool over the coming weeks.

"Normally animals quarantine in isolation for 30 days, but after careful consideration we have decided it is in the best interests of both hippos to allow an early introduction," explained Jamie Dorgan, area curator.

It's expected that patrons will be able to catch sporadic sightings of the new hippo at the African Savannah exhibit in the coming weeks. METRO

The Calgary Zoo has welcomed a new male hippo, who has yet to be named.
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Ogden

Residents control grass fire with garden hoses: Fire department

Firefighters were called to the Ogden area after reports of a train locomotive fire.

Upon arrival, they determined there was in fact a grass fire along the railway.

According to the Calgary Fire Department, residents in the area used garden hoses to help control the flames.
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Radium, B.C.

RCMP identify Calgary man killed in collision on B.C. highway

RCMP in British Columbia have identified a 73-year-old Calgary man killed in a collision Sunday near Radium.

Donald Francis Chow was a passenger in a vehicle travelling north along Highway 93 when the crash occurred.

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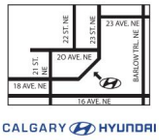

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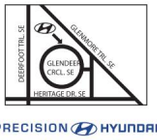

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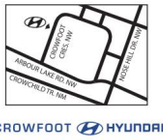

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Southeast Calgary sex assault. Police release composite sketch

Police are hoping a composite sketch of a sex-assault suspect assists in their investigation.

On Sept. 19, around midnight, a 21-year-old woman was walking on the 4700 block of 8 Avenue S.E. when a man allegedly grabbed her from behind.

Investigators say the suspect dragged the victim to a parking lot, threw her down and fondled her, while the victim fought back and screamed, catching the attention of a passerby.

The suspect is described as Caucasian, 30-35 years old, between five-foot-eight and five-foot-10. Police say he's between 170-190 pounds with brown hair, and was wearing blue jeans and a grey hoodie.

Sketch of sex-assault suspect. COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Those with information about this incident or this suspect are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. METRO

Canadian Forces base

Cold Lake eyed for F-35 training base

Defence planners are mulling over making Canada home to an advanced international training course for the F-35 — provided the Conservative government proceeds with the contentious stealth fighter program.

The proposal would see pilots who are qualified on the aircraft conduct weapons training at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in northern Alberta.

The airfield is already home to an air-to-ground weapons school for the country's fleet of CF-18s. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Young girl forfeits two Bieber tickets for charity

Denika Hartwick, 12, holds up the Justin Bieber tickets she's auctioning off to raise money for Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids. CONTRIBUTED

Lunches. Denika Hartwick hopes to raise funds for Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids

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While others her age are scrambling for a chance to see Justin Bieber, one young Calgary girl is planning to sell her tickets for charity.

Denika Hartwick, 12, and her brother Corvyn, 14, decided they didn't want to go to the concert, and their father, David Hartwick, encouraged them to do something good with the sought-after tickets.

"This to her was an opportunity to get involved and give something back," said David.

After careful consideration, they decided to auction the tickets to raise funds and awareness for Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, an organization that provides lunches for kids around Calgary. The highest bid above $1,000 will be awarded the tickets.

"I think it's better when you give back than when you take," said Denika. "I get lunch every day and I don't think anything of it, but what about those kids who get lunch maybe once a week?"

Tanya Koshowski, executive director of Brown Bagging, said she thought it was outstanding when the Hartwicks offered their tickets.

"The cost to make a lunch is about $1, so any amount she is able to raise would be helpful and would impact those kids," said Koshowski, adding she's also glad that Denika is raising awareness about the issue of kids going without lunch.

For more info: kidshelpingkidscalgary.wordpress.com.

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"My idea was to change someone's life with (the tickets)." Denika Hartwick, 12

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Photographer finds kayaker through ad

Coincidence. Kayaker thankful to receive daring shots of himself

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After taking photos and videos of his friends plummeting over a waterfall, B.C. kayaker Chris Koch admits he was a little disappointed there was no photographic evidence of him doing the same.

Little did he know, roughly a kilometre away, a pair of Calgary photographers were snapping shots of the three kayakers careening over the roughly 30-foot fall.

After coming across the kayakers while hiking through Wells Gray National Park, Andrea Halwas and her fiancé, Chad Larsen, wanted to get the photos they had snapped to the kayakers.

"We thought, these guys are incredible and if we could ever just have their emails, we could send them these photos we have of them," said Halwas Thursday.

Shortly after, Koch, who lives in Kamloops, said the story first published on metronews.ca was forwarded to him by a family member in Calgary.

"(My girlfriend) said, 'You're famous,'" said Koch, 42.

Koch connected with Halwas and said he was glad to see the professional shots.

"I was the one taking the pictures for the group, so I didn't have anything of me," he said. "I never would have guessed that someone could have taken a decent photo from that far away. It blows me away."

This photo of kayaker Chris Koch was snapped by two Calgary photographers at Wells Gray Provincial Park. CONTRIBUTED BY ANDREA HALWAS

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The (almost) Real World.

Reality show seeks best college party town

There are reality TV shows dedicated to Botoxed, backstabbing housewives, obnoxious child-beauty-pageant contestants and washed-up celebrities.

Yet the plight of the college student — the one who'd rather spend his last $10 on booze than something resembling a vegetable — has mainly stayed out of the limelight.

Until now.

An Ontario production company is looking for Calgary's wildest college party fiends to participate in an upcoming episode of the new online web series, Beer 4 Breakfast.

"We're looking for the cool kids on the block to show us their fun, wild and creative sides," says producer Michael McCrudden.

Beer 4 Breakfast's aim is to find which city can throw the best college party. Viewers can grade the parties online at beer4breakfast.ca

McCrudden admits some "conservative radio people" have taken issue with the show.

Producer and host Michael McCrudden. CONTRIBUTED

"They think that we're out to cause trouble," he says.

"But everything is done safely. We have security. No one shows up underage. We don't put pressure on people to do anything. We're just flies on the wall documenting what's happening."

LISA WILTON/METRO

School districts

New school construction gets approved

Construction is set to begin on 12 new schools to be built as a part of public-private partnerships in the province, including two new schools in Airdrie, one in Chestermere and another in Cochrane.

It's part of a $550-million investment into education infrastructure that was announced in May 2011 after a lengthy and competitive bidding process.

According to the province, this delivery of schools in a partnership format will save $43 million and the schools could be delivered two years sooner.

METRO

Animal trafficking

Alberta man charged for antler cache

Wildlife officers in Alberta have seized more than 500 sets of big-game antlers and charged a man with illegal trafficking of animals.

The charges against Garland Larry Poyser of Sedgewick, Alta., and his business, Poyser Auto Service, came after a four-month undercover investigation. Officers used a search warrant at Poyser Auto Service on August 25, and seized 500 sets of white-tailed deer and mule deer antlers, 36 sets of moose antlers, six sets of elk antlers and one set of caribou antlers.

Poyser is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Killam on Oct. 16.

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In this photo taken last Sunday, masked Somali pirate Abdi Ali walks past a Taiwanese fishing vessel that washed up on shore after the pirates were paid a ransom and released the crew in the once-bustling pirate den of Hobyo, Somalia. With many attacks aborted and ransoms much smaller the heyday of Somali piracy may be over. FARAH ABDI WARSAMEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plunge in piracy leaves Somali pirates idle

Global effort. Better communication, armed guards and onshore raids have broken down criminal networks

The empty whiskey bottles and overturned, sand-filled skiffs littering this once-bustling shoreline are signs the heyday of Somali piracy may be over. Most prostitutes are gone and the luxury cars repossessed. Pirates while away their hours playing cards or catching lobsters.

"There's nothing to do here these days," said Hassan Abdi, who taught English in a private school before turning to piracy in 2009. "The hopes for a revitalized market are not high."

Armed guards aboard cargo ships and an international naval armada that carries out onshore raids have put a huge dent in piracy and might even be ending the scourge.

While experts say it's too early to declare victory, the numbers are startling: In 2010, pirates seized 47 vessels. This year they've taken five.

For a look at the reality, an Associated Press team from the capital, Mogadishu, travelled to the pirate havens of Galkayo and Hobyo, a coastal town considered too dangerous for Western reporters since the kidnappers have turned to land-based abductions. There they found pirates who once owned vast villas living in darkened, unfurnished rooms.

Stats

- Somali pirates hijacked 46 ships in 2009 and 47 in 2010 (Source: European Union Naval Force)
- At the height of Somali piracy, pirates held more than 30 ships and 600 hostages at a time.
- Ransoms for large ships have averaged close to $5 million. The largest reported ransom was $11 million.
- The UN says 1,045 suspected or convicted pirates are being held in 21 countries.

Abdirizaq Saleh, who once had bodyguards, maids and the attention of beautiful women, is now hiding from creditors in a dirty room filled with dust-covered TVs. "Ships are being held longer, ransoms are getting smaller and attacks are less likely to succeed," said Saleh.

Lt.-Cmdr. Jacqueline Sherriff, a spokeswoman for the European Union Naval Force, attributes the plunge in hijackings to improved international military efforts — European, American, Chinese, Indian, Russian. In May, after receiving an expanded mandate, the EU Naval Force destroyed pirate weapons, equipment and fuel on land. "We have witnessed a significant drop in attacks in recent months. The stats speak for themselves," said Sherriff.

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Khamenei posters rattle Iraq's independence

After years of growing influence, a new sign of Iran's presence in Iraq has hit the streets. Thousands of signs, that is, depicting Iran's supreme leader smiling to a population once mobilized against the Islamic Republic in eight years of war.

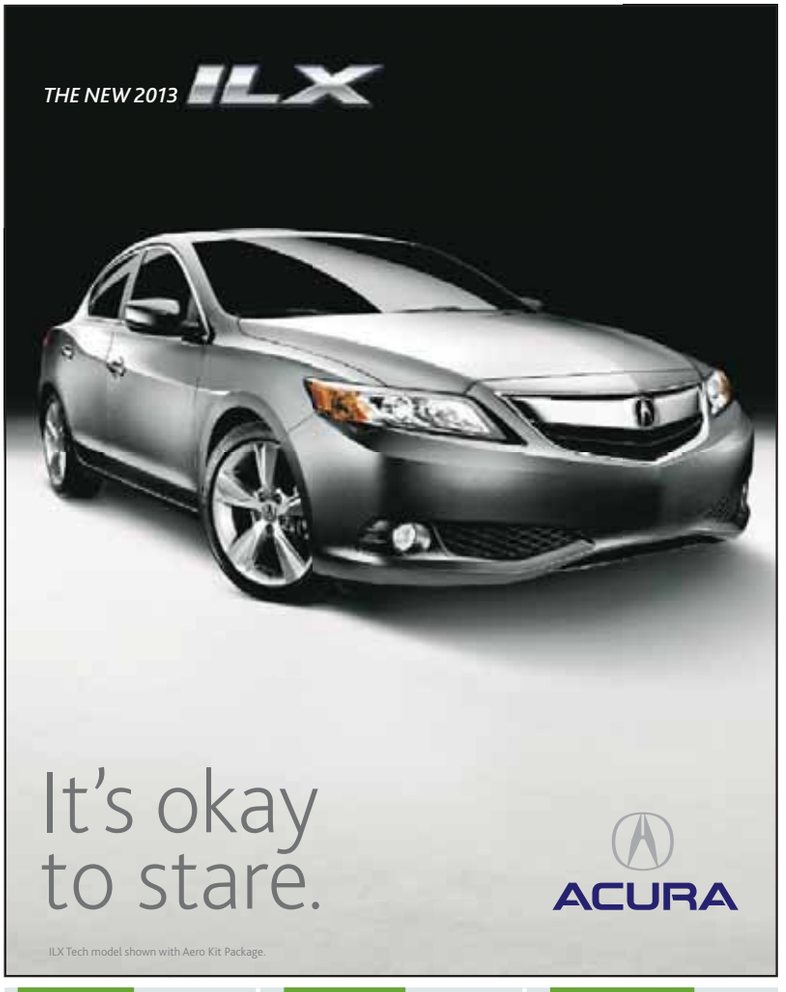
The campaign underscores widespread doubts over just how independent Iraq and its majority Shiite Muslim population can remain from its eastern neighbour, now that U.S. troops have left the country.

The posters of Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei first appeared in at least six Shiite neighbourhoods in Baghdad and across Iraq's Shiite-dominated south in August, as part of an annual pro-Palestinian observance started by Iran.

"When I see these pictures, I feel I am in Tehran, not Baghdad," said Asim Salman, a 44-year-old Shiite. "Authorities must remove these posters, which make us angry."

Sheik Ali al-Zaidi, a senior official with the militia, said some 20,000 posters of Khamenei were distributed across Iraq. He said Khamenei "enjoys public support all over the world" including Iraq, where he "is hailed as a political and religious leader." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Sept. 16 photo, a poster depicts Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei, right, and Ayatollah Mohammed Sadiq al-Sadr, late father of the radical anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al Sadr, in Baghdad. Thousands of signs depicting Khamenei have been posted in Shiite neighbourhoods across Iraq. KARIM KADIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Manik Farm

Tamils relocated after camp closed

The United Nations welcomed the closure of the Manik Farm camp for war-displaced Tamil civilians in northern Sri Lanka, but expressed concern about hundreds of people unable to return home because their land is occupied by the military. The UN said 346 people from 110 families were relocated while they await confirmation of whether they will be allowed to return to former homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roma camps

Child-trafficking ring busted in Paris

Eleven people have been detained in France after police raids on Roma camps uncovered what prosecutors described as a trafficking ring that forced dozens of children to steal and beg at tourist sites in Paris.

Three others were arrested in Romania, the Paris prosecutor's office revealed Tuesday. Two hundred police raided three camps.

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Autopsy results

Bodies killed in Russian plane crash switched

Polish military prosecutors said Tuesday that autopsies have confirmed the bodies of two people — Anna Walentynowicz, a legendary figure of Poland's Solidarity movement, and an unidentified female victim — killed in a 2010 plane crash in Russia, which also killed the Polish president — were switched, and buried in the wrong graves.

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Avalanche. Permits to climbers rejected by China, say agencies

The climbers killed in a weekend avalanche in the Himalayas were part of a crush of mountaineers who came to the slope because of heightened tensions between Chinese authorities and Tibetans.

China rejected climbing permits for mountaineers hoping to scale peaks in the Tibetan Himalayas, forcing many to crowd onto mountains in Nepal, according to alpine companies.

About 30 teams were registered to climb Mount Manaslu, a 50 per cent increase over last year, said Ang Tshering, who runs the popular Asian Trekking agency in Nepal.

About two dozen climbers were sleeping at a camp high on the mountain early Sunday when the avalanche swept over them. Rescuers have so far brought down the bodies of eight victims — four French, one each from Germany, Italy and Spain, and a Nepali guide.

Among those still missing is Quebec heart specialist Dominique Ouimet, 48, who was on an expedition to raise money for patients in a hospital in St-Jerome, north of Montreal.

Tibet is a sensitive area for China, which sometimes limits access for foreign tourists. It has also restricted the number of permits issued to climbers, and even stopped issuing them in 2008 while Chinese climbers took the Olympic torch to the top of Mount Everest before the Beijing Games.

Relations between Tibet and the Chinese government have been volatile this year, as many Tibetans set themselves on fire to bring attention to what they say is their suffering under China's repressive policies. China claims Tibet has always been Chinese territory, but most Tibetans say the Himalayan region was independent for much of its history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. President Barack Obama leaves the United Nations after addressing world leaders during the General Assembly Tuesday in New York City. More than 120 prime ministers, presidents and monarchs are gathering this week at the UN for the annual meeting. This year's focus will be the ongoing fighting in Syria. MICHAEL NAGLE/GETTY IMAGES

Obama challenges world leaders to tackle thorny issues

UN speech. President spoke on Iran's nuclear program, violence in Syria and the tensions that come with freedom of speech

U.S. President Barack Obama challenged the international community Tuesday to confront the causes of turmoil in the Middle East, saying the world faces "a choice between the forces that would drive us apart and the hopes we hold in common."

Obama's speech to an annual gathering of world leaders at the UN General Assembly was his last before the November election, and campaign politics shadowed his words.

The president condemned the amateur anti-Muslim video made in the U.S. that helped spark the recent protests that killed dozens of people, calling it "cruel and disgusting."

But he strongly defended the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of the freedom of expression, "even views that we profoundly disagree with."

Running through Obama's speech was the theme that leaders in the Muslim world also should stand up for freer speech and oppose those who vent their anger with violence.

"There are no words that excuse the killing of innocents. There is no video that justifies an attack on an embassy. There is no slander that provides an excuse for people to burn a restaurant in Lebanon or destroy a school in Tunis or cause death and destruction in Pakistan," Obama said.

On Iran's nuclear program, Obama said there is "still time and space" to resolve the issue through diplomacy, but he said that time is not unlimited. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"The future must not belong to a dictator who massacres his people."

U.S. President Barack Obama, saying the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad must come to an end

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Internet scandal

Websites leaking your info

Some leading Canadian websites are passing users' personal information to third-party sites such as advertising firms, says the federal privacy watchdog.

The information includes names, email addresses and postal codes — apparently without consent and possibly in violation of federal privacy law, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said Tuesday.

Research turned up concerns with about a quarter of the 25 shopping, travel and media sites tested.

In the Commons, New Democrat MP Charmaine Borg called on the government to "take serious steps to address the serious privacy concerns of Canadians."

Mike Lake, the parliamentary secretary to the industry minister, said the government would continue to help protect consumers and businesses.

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Cold beer on miner's menu

Safely out of his underground trap, PotashCorp electrician Darwyn Wirth beams as he speaks to the media after being rescued Tuesday night.

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Rescue. After spending a day trapped 1 km underground because of a fire, Darwyn Wirth had just one plan for his evening

After spending a day trapped underground by a fire at a Saskatchewan potash mine, electrician Darwyn Wirth knew exactly what he wanted to do.

"I think I'm going to go and have a cold beer," he told reporters shortly after he and 19 of his colleagues were brought safely back to the surface.

The blaze broke out at about 2 a.m. Tuesday when a large wooden cable spool started burning at PotashCorp's Rocanville mine, about 244 kilometres east of Regina.

There was no panic, said the miners, who immediately headed to four separate refuge stations scattered throughout the facility.

"We have an alarm system with loud bells and flashing red lights, and you immediately go to a refuge station and call the control room so they know where you are," said Wirth.

It took about 10 hours to extinguish the fire, but it took several more hours for crews to determine it was safe to bring the workers up.

"It's a matter of cooling the area down and ventilating the air," said Bill Cooper, spokesperson for PotashCorp.

"There's kilometres of tunnels underground and, just the way the ventilation system works, it's got to clear all that out. The air quality's got to be at a point where it's safe to take people to the surface."

So the miners sat and waited at the refuge stations.

The rooms are comfortable, though not really posh.

"There's no place to sleep," said Wirth, who laughed when told another group had passed the time by playing cards.

"We didn't have a deck of cards. We really would have liked a deck of cards."

Twenty-nine men were trapped but nine of them were brought up earlier.

There are four mine rescue teams at Rocanville, each with five people.

"As you can imagine … there are a few more challenges than, let's say, a house fire. So it's a bit of a slower process and a more deliberate process," said Cooper.

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When lives are in danger underground

The Rocanville mine is about a kilometre below ground, and tunnels from the main shaft spread out horizontally for about 16 kilometres. But Rocanville is not the first Saskatchewan fire emergency.

- **Alarm.** In Jan. 29, 2006, 72 miners survived a fire at Mosaic's potash mine in Esterhazy.
- **Action.** When heat from a cutting torch ignited a fire, the 72 miners on shift were able to retreat to refuge rooms sealed off from the toxic smoke.
- **Survival.** After 30 hours, all miners were brought to the surface without so much as a cough, company officials said.

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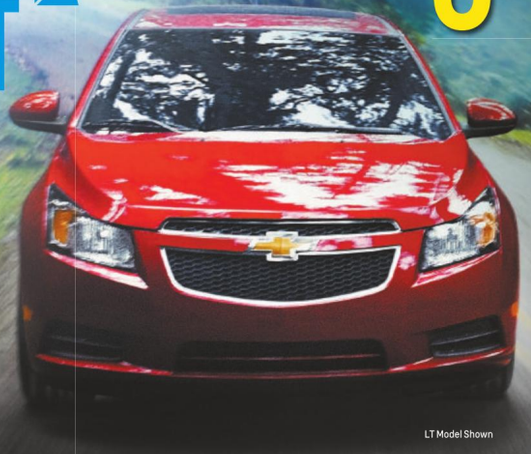

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BB10. RIM demonstrates new operating system

Research In Motion is showcasing its BlackBerry 10 operating system, saying it will launch a new era in mobile computing.

RIM chief executive Thorsten Heins says the new platform and accompanying smartphone — on schedule to be launched early next year — will almost have the processing power of a laptop.

The company's future is riding on the success of BlackBerry 10 and its new phones after suffering two major delays that have pushed back the release date.

Heins was showing how the new operating system works at the BlackBerry Jam Americas conference in San Jose, Calif. He says it will separate a user's personal and corporate information and both sets of information will be encrypted and fully secure.

The new BlackBerry Messenger instant text service will allow a user to type in more than one language in the same sentence. The demonstration smartphone was being used with one hand and allowed its user to easily manipulate the touchscreen with a finger.

RIM has already lost significant market share due to delays in bringing out its new generation of BlackBerry devices.

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Impulse purchases cost Canadians thousands annually, survey finds

Emotional shopping. Sixty per cent of those polled admit they buy to cheer themselves up

Canadians spend an average of $310 per month on items that are wanted but not needed, according to a new poll.
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A majority of Canadians surveyed by the Bank of Montreal say they shop to cheer themselves up and mood-lifting impulse purchases cost Canadians $3,720 annually.

The Bank of Montreal poll found that 59 per cent of those surveyed did impulse shopping and bought items like clothes and shoes and also treated themselves to eating out.

"We're really struggling to save money on a monthly basis," said Janet Peddigrew, district vice-president of mid-western Ontario at BMO.

Consumers have been spending more than they've been saving over the last 10 years, which is cause for concern, Peddigrew said.

"Those who answered the survey, the majority, said they would do it to cheer themselves up," she said.

The survey found that 60 per cent of Canadians did this kind of emotional shopping and 55 per cent bought something they might not need because it was on sale. On average, that amounts to $310 a month being spent on items that are wanted but not needed.

Those surveyed believed they could save two-thirds of that amount if they made an effort to limit impulse spending, the bank said.

Peddigrew said not having enough savings can leave consumers caught short when an emergency arises, when they need to do a major home repair or when they lose their job.

The poll results come as Canadian debt-to-income ratios sit at a record 152 per cent and top officials issue warnings to start paying down debt before interest rates rise.

There's also an element of regret that comes with impulse shopping and in some cases, financial difficulties. The survey found more than half of respondents regretted purchases and 43 per cent sometimes spent more than they earned in a month. Another third of those surveyed had to borrow money or take out a loan to cover their impulse spending.

The online survey was conducted by Pollara and interviewed 1,000 adults between Aug. 31 and Sept. 5.

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Financial planning

Feds hope new toolkit will help consumers manage money

Ottawa believes Canadians might need a little assistance in how they spend and save. The federal government has released a financial toolkit that it says can help Canadians make sense of everyday financial questions they face.

The toolkit, available online at fcac-acfc.gc.ca and in printed form, includes worksheets, quizzes, questionnaires, case studies and educational videos to educate Canadians on making rational, responsible money decisions. It was created in partnership with the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, the Investor Education Fund and l'Autorité des marchés financiers.

The toolkit is part of the government's efforts to promote financial literacy and follows months of warnings from the Bank of Canada and the finance minister about record high levels of consumer debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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It's going to be tougher to bring home the bacon next year, thanks to global warming.

According to the National Pig Association, a U.K. trade group, there will be a world shortage of pork and bacon next year as farmers stop raising pigs as the price of feed will skyrocket because of the drought in the U.S. Midwest this year.

The association, which I was disappointed to learn is not a group of talking pigs but a more conventional organization of farmers, believes there could be a 10 per cent reduction in the pig supply, which means prices will double.

The bottom line: A sharp reduction in bacon and tomato sandwiches.

This is a catastrophe. Global warming is bad enough, but it will be unendurable without BLTs.

Bacon pride

Ironically, this comes at a time when bacon is undergoing a renaissance. It's everywhere! You can spread bacon jam on your toast tomorrow morning or you can wait until lunch to chow down on the Baconator from Wendy's: Six slices of bacon along with two beef patties, two slices of cheese and a heart attack (bonus!).

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But you'd better hurry. The bacon window is closing.

Maybe this is not such a bad thing. I've been feeling guilty ever since Charlotte saved Wilbur in that classic of my childhood, Charlotte's Web. Not that it kept me from my Baconator ways. I've never met anything that doesn't taste better than a slice of bacon. Except maybe six slices of bacon.

But let's get real. Pigs are at least the smartest barnyard animal and are routinely ranked among the top 10 animals on or off the farm. They also get a bad rap on the hygiene front. They are habitually clean; they have to roll in the mud to stay cool because they have no sweat glands. You wouldn't eat any of the other brainiacs of the animal kingdom: whales, dolphins, elephants or apes, so why pick on pigs?

So, struggling with a guilty conscience and a looming, 100 per cent increase in the price of pork, I was already teetering on the brink when a vegan friend sent me this link to an adorable YouTube video featuring an adorable pig saving an adorable goat from drowning at a petting zoo. Search "pig saves goat" on YouTube and watch it. Warning: It's adorable.

"Some Pig!" as Charlotte would weave on her web. Maybe this global-warming thing is Mother Nature sending us a sign, too — back away from the bacon and repeat after me: Pigs are our friends.

If you love bacon, the tides are turning against you. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Taiwan clashes with Japan

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Territorial sprayings

Water fight over disputed islands

Japanese coast-guard vessels fired water cannons at Taiwanese fishing boats after the commercial ships ignored warnings not to enter Japan's waters.

Ten surveillance ships from Taiwan that accompanied more than 50 vessels into waters around the Senkaku Islands retaliated with their own water cannons, agency reports say. METRO

President's viewpoint

"We stand up for our rights, and there should be no doubt about it."

Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, speaking to reporters on Tuesday.
Ma praised the Taiwanese coast-guard vessels for escorting fishermen to assert their sovereignty over the disputed islands. Ma was quoted by sources as saying that "where there are our fishermen, that's where our coast guard will be."

Conflict timeline

- **The Senkaku.** A group of five small islands in the East China Sea some 170 kilometres north of the Japanese island of Ishigaki. They are controlled by Japan but claimed by China (which calls them the Diaoyu) and by Taiwan (the Diaoyutai).
- **Sovereignty dispute.** Japan legally acquired the islands in the late 19th century, but China and Taiwan argue the islands historically belonged to Taiwan (which China also claims as its own). Reports suggest that the Chinese claim to the islands gained prominence after a 1968 geological survey found possible oil and gas reserves in the area.
- **This year's tension.** Tokyo's government bought private islands from a Japanese family for development. Beijing says it's an act of provocation.
- **Now.** Protests have targeted the Japan embassy in Beijing and Japanese businesses in China.

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Not Short on versatility

Interview. Canadian star talks about new film Frankenweenie, working with Burton and doing an array of character voices

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Martin Short voices three characters in the Tim Burton film Frankenweenie. GETTY IMAGES

Martin Short first worked with Tim Burton in 1996's Mars Attacks! Given Burton's penchant for familiar faces — or voices — it's no surprise Short is back for Frankenweenie, voicing three very different characters in the stop-motion animation feature.

Martin says it's always nice to be asked back — as long as the director is any good at what they do.

How is it being a part of Tim Burton's troupe, having a director say, 'I want you back?'
Well, obviously if the director is horrible you say, 'Who cares?' But in Tim's case, you're honored, you're complimented. And we did really like each other. We like each other a lot.

You don't hear a lot of bad things about Tim.
Because of his position of power and his reputation of creativity, he would therefore be allowed to pull off being moody one day on the set. I once worked with a guy when I was early on, and he was fabulous for about two weeks and then one day I walked by and said hi and he just kept walking. His assistant came over and said, 'Oh, his therapist said he doesn't have to say hello if he doesn't need to.' Tim could be that guy, but I always see him, especially in a work situation, in a joyful, joyful state of mind.

But behind all-black clothing and sunglasses and the hair.
Well, that's his hair. And I think that he just likes black jackets.

You voice three characters in this film, but your primary character — Victor's father — is pretty normal as far as characters go. Is that odd for you?
I think if that were the only voice I was doing, I might — I would've done it anyway because it's Tim, I love Tim — but if it were not Tim, you kind of go, 'Well I don't know why you need me for this.' But I've always made sure in my specials over the years that there was one scene where I played myself to give the audience an understanding of that's who he is and these are the offshoots.

How often during these press junkets are you reminded of your own celebrity interviewer character, Jiminy Glick?
Well you know, the misconception of Jiminy was that he was satirizing you guys, and he wasn't at all. He was satirizing morons with power. He could've been a congressman. We do see this all the time, and Washington is filled with these people, you know? They have staffs that are happy to get the job, just graduated from Yale and scared on the first day of work — and this is the guy they're scared of. So that's what struck me as funny. It wasn't about interviews.

Which of your characters do people ask you to reprise the most often?
It's very weird. I remember I was doing a Broadway show a few years ago, Fame Becomes Me, and I would leave the stage door, and there are people with things for you to sign, you're signing things, and people call out a line. 'I want my pudding!' or something. And you get in the car and you go, 'What was that from?" And then you go to bed and about two in the morning — 'Oh, that's that special I did in '87!'

I think particularly in comedy and particularly with my stuff, if one finds it funny, because it's not known — like Two and a Half Men type of knowledge — you feel like you own it yourself, it's your thing. I mean, obviously people will talk about Franc, they'll talk about Jiminy, they'll talk about Ed Grimly or Jackie Rogers Jr. You know, they'll talk about these characters that have been around for a while. But sometimes they'll go obscure. I did an episode of Arrested Development, and people come up and talk about Uncle Jack.

Is Uncle Jack showing up again in the relaunch of the show?
You know, I had dinner with Mitch Hurwitz about a year and a half ago and he said, 'We've got to get Uncle Jack back,' but no one's sent the script. Let's put it that way.

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Kendrick stars in musical comedy with new takes on old favourites

Pitch Perfect. A straight-laced campus all-girl singing group, The Bellas are centre of this funny song fest

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If extraterrestrials (ET) were to study earth by watching movies and television they might end up with a skewed idea about what life is like on the third rock from the sun.

Alien anthropologists could be forgiven for thinking that Chuck Norris is an indestructible force for good, that all waitresses in New York live in spacious apartments and that all telephone numbers begin with the digits 555.

ET's might also deduce that bursting into song is as important to school life as readin', writin' and zit cream. The peppy casts of High School Musical (described in the Urban Dictionary as "obviously written by old people who have no recollection of what high school was about") and Glee have made singing in the halls acceptable.

And they're not alone. Movies are full of teen opera singers, rock stars and rappers who belt out tunes between (and sometimes during) classes.

This weekend, Anna Kendrick stars in Pitch Perfect, a school comedy about a girl who reluctantly joins The Bellas, a straight-laced campus all-girl singing group, only to end up performing a "songs about sex" medley highlighting Blackstreet's No Diggity. The Bellas (and their male counterparts The Treblemakers) join a long list of students who express themselves in song.

The most famous school on the planet has to be Hogwarts, the fictional British boarding school for witches and wizards featured in Harry Potter.

Less known is their singing group, the Frog Choir. They don't appear in any of the books but made their debut in the Prisoner of Azkaban, the third Potter film.

Director Alfonso Cuarón came up with the idea for the chorus, who perform while carrying toads, and got the approval of the grand wizard herself, J.K. Rowling, to include them.

Anna Kendrick stars as Beca, a university freshman in Pitch Perfect. HANDOUT

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Older, wiser No Doubt are not 16 any more

Middle-aged parents.
After 11 years away from the studio, the veteran band is back with Push and Shove

Singer Gwen Stefani is a 42-year-old mother of two. AP PHOTO/ANDREW SWARTZ

When the members of No Doubt got together again to make new music, something unexpected came with them: a bit of doubt.

It had been 11 years since they'd put out Rock Steady and their priorities had changed. Each of the four had gotten married and had kids, producing eight babies between them. Music was no longer the important thing in their lives.

Could they still make it work?

"That's pretty complicated stuff when you start to really look at it," 42-year-old lead singer and lyricist Gwen Stefani says. "You're playing this role your whole life — the singer of No Doubt — totally committed to this in the greatest kind of way, and then all of a sudden, you're saying, 'Actually, you guys cannot be No. 1 anymore or else this is not going to work.'"

But the band has somehow made it work. They return this month with their first studio CD in over a decade — Push and Shove, which blends their signature mix of ska and British New Wave with lyrics that reveal some anguish at their new lives.

In an interview at a downtown recording studio, the bandmates reveal few outward signs that it's been 26 years since No Doubt formed.

"Sometimes in my mind I still think I'm 16 onstage and my body tells me that I'm not 16 anymore," says Tony Kanal, the 42-year-old bassist, laughing. "For me, the goal was just to get the record finished. To get us all in the same room at the same time with the amount of kids we all have between us was a struggle."

But the band insists they just make the music they like, without an eye to the marketplace. "It's more about pleasing ourselves," Stefani says. "It's very selfish."

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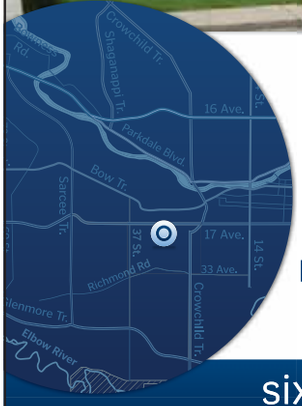

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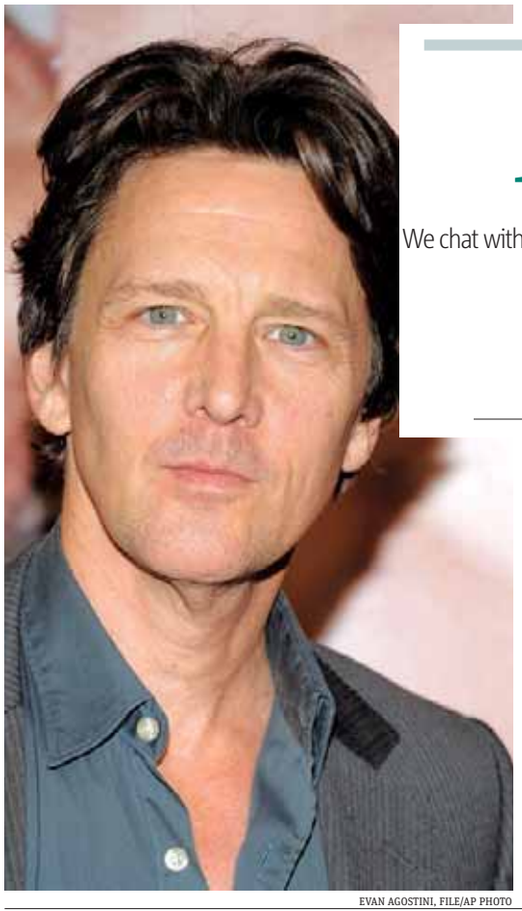

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ANDREW McCARTHY

We chat with Andrew, who admits to having 'the two best jobs in the world': acting and travel writing. The occasion? The release of his own book about travel

THE LONGEST WAY HOME

Twenty years ago, actor Andrew McCarthy read a book about walking the Camino de Santiago, the ancient pilgrimage route in Spain, and it inspired him to walk the Camino himself.

McCarthy, whose best-known films include his work as part of Hollywood's Brat Pack in Pretty in Pink and St. Elmo's Fire, is now an acclaimed travel writer for major magazines (he admits that he's lucky to have "the two best jobs in the world": an actor and a writer). And he's just written his own book about travel called The Longest Way Home: One Man's Quest for the Courage to Settle Down. McCarthy is married with two children.

Are your children good travellers?

Everything to them is an adventure. My kids love the plane. They love going through security. I mean, there are very few meltdowns when we travel and most of them are mine. I took my son to the Sahara when I was doing a story and he had an incredible experience in the Sahara. We had a 12-hour car ride through the wilds of Morocco and at home if we were in the car for more than 20 minutes, he would've had an issue.

Any place you don't like?

Very rarely do I get to a spot where I'm like, 'This is awful.' It's usually me that's awful in the spot and then when I have something to eat usually, or maybe a nap, I come back. I find anywhere interesting. ... You know I was recently in Sudan and I found that endless and fascinating. I would love to go back. I've been to a lot of places, I was in Mozambique recently and it was just ravaged parts of it and I found it fascinating.

Do you plan for trips?

I like to know what story I'm planning to write before I go and then invariably it changes. I find, like with anything, it's like with acting, the more prepared you are, the more you can throw that out the window with surprises to happen. When I'm just on my own, I just go. I just show up without a reservation. I just arrive and figure it out. I like that.

How did you start writing about travel?

It started because I met the editor at National Geographic Traveler and I convinced him after much cajoling to let me write a piece for them. (Later,) I started writing for the Atlantic, the Times and numerous things and nobody really put together that it was the actor Andrew McCarthy writing.

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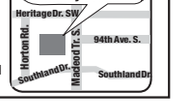

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Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan released after brief hospital stay

Lindsay Lohan was rushed to the hospital in New York recently due to a pesky respiratory infection, according to TMZ, but she's not in any danger.

"Lindsay was treated and released and is doing fine," her rep insists.

Hoping to clear things up further, the troubled actress' dad, Michael Lohan, has released a statement:

"She got rid of (the infection) before she left for Atlanta to shoot Scary Movie, but obviously she didn't get enough rest and it came back," he says.

"She's on antibiotics. This was more precautionary than a major medical issue."

Quote

"Lindsay was treated and released and is doing fine"

Lohan's rep

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Timberlake bringing the sexy back to MySpace

THE WORD
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Are social media platforms like fashion? Wait long enough and pretty soon we'll be looking for them again in the deep recesses of our closet?

Well, guess who we might find back there next to the fanny packs and boot-cut jeans: Tom from MySpace.

Justin Timberlake invested in the faltering site in 2011 and has, apparently, been working hard on a revamp. On Monday, Timberlake tweeted a sleek new video of the site and, dare I say, it looks amazing. If you've become tired of Facebook, with the ever-present spammy developments — not to mention Mark Zuckerberg's increasingly shady information sharing practices — the new MySpace might be a safe haven from the constant deluge of baby photos.

The new, clean interface looks like a mash-up of Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Spotify and Twitter, and focuses heavily on music (which Facebook could never do).

There are several other notable changes, like easy drag-and-drop interactivity for music sharing and ways to connect with other creative people who share similar interests.

Now, I just need to find the nerve to log back in when the new site finally launches — I'm terrified to see how many porn stars I've become friends with in my absence, as well as what my "mood" was in 2007.

Twitter

@AlyssaMilano
Sigh... I wish I liked anything on my body as much as Christina Aguilera likes her boobies. Bless her and those boobies!

@katyperry
There's no place like Tokyo, there's no place like Tokyo, There's no place like Tokyo.

@kanyewest
What if there was no profanity... What if we decided to legalise profanity in a sense? In France they play songs with cursing on the radio

@SteveMartinToGo
Just wondering. Women are different from men, right? But are their bodies different too?

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger told wife about cheating before it leaked

Before news broke of Arnold Schwarzenegger's 14-year-old love child with housekeeper Mildred Baena, he confessed it himself to wife Maria Shriver — but only after she confronted him about it in therapy.

"The minute we sat down, the therapist turned to me and said, 'Maria wanted to come her today and to ask about a child — whether you fathered a child with your housekeeper Mildred,'" Schwarzenegger writes in his new memoir. "I told the therapist, 'It's true.'"

According to the book, the therapy session took place in January 2011, four months before he publicly admitted to fathering the child, whom he says was conceived during production of Batman and Robin.

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Annapolis Valley, N.S.
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Earthy harvest smells perfume the air as visitors journey past apple orchards and dairy farms to the Avon Valley Golf and Country Club, about an hour's drive west from Halifax. The tiny greens of this hilly course, near the town of Falmouth, demand surgically precise approach shots.

Charlevoix, Que.
Spectacularly situated on cliffs overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River, the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu Golf Club is one of the jewels of Quebec's popular Charlevoix tourist region, east of Quebec City.

Canadian Shield outcroppings, pristine lakes, verdant Laurentian valleys and evergreen forests define Charlevoix's astonishingly diverse landscape, which is at its most beautiful in autumn. The region is also a renowned culinary destination, with farms, restaurants and hotels focused on serving local food.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Autumn colour buffs annually flock to Sault Ste. Marie for the Agawa Canyon Train Tour, an unforgettable journey past foaming rivers and spring-fed lakes deep into a northern wilderness turned crimson and yellow.

But golfers can enjoy similar scenery right in the city of 75,000 at the aptly named Crimson Ridge Golf Club. Designed by local son Kevin Holmes, the 10-year-old layout includes mature forests, a waterfall and numerous elevation changes. Most memorable of all is the par-five ninth hole (formerly the 18th), a dogleg offering a breathtaking view from the elevated tee of the city's downtown, the North Shipping Channel and northern Michigan.

Just as gorgeous is Silver Creek Golf Course, a demanding Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates design opened two years ago by the Garden River First Nation on land just east of the city. Bear and deer are frequent visitors to a layout where many holes were carved through a dense forest of hardwoods and conifers.

Okanagan Valley, B.C.
From a desert of sagebrush and cactus to lushly forested mountain valleys and terraced orchards and vineyards, the Okanagan Valley offers an autumn golf season of striking visual contrasts.

The valley's top draw is Predator Ridge Resort, which sprawls across a 12,000-acre landscape of clear lakes, fast-rushing mountain streams and wheat grass meadows. There are two championship courses, including The Ridge, a Doug Carrick design that launched to rave reviews in 2010.

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The thought of curling warm sand beneath one's toes on the playa and basking in the idyllic sun-kissed coast draws millions of visitors to Mexico. But if you venture beyond resorts and set out to explore Central America's largest country in all its verdant glory, you'll be wonderstruck by the tantalizing array of natural and topographical delights Mexico has to offer. Here are three places you need to experience.

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Paricutin volcano

1

The last time hot lava, ash and smoke spewed from Paricutin's craterous lips was in 1952. The volcano became active in the mid 1940s, swelling 1,300 feet above a flat cornfield causing stunned farmers and villagers to evacuate while curious scientific minds from around the world rushed to the site. Paricutin was the first recorded eruption that geologists were able to observe from inception to completion. This is the volcano that wrote the book on the study of volcanism. Located 200 miles west of Mexico City, this charter member of the seven natural wonders of the world club is best experienced by taking the 12-mile roundtrip to the top of the crater. You can traverse the cooled lava flow, which decades ago decimated the village of the Paricutin, on foot or horseback.

Centla Swamps

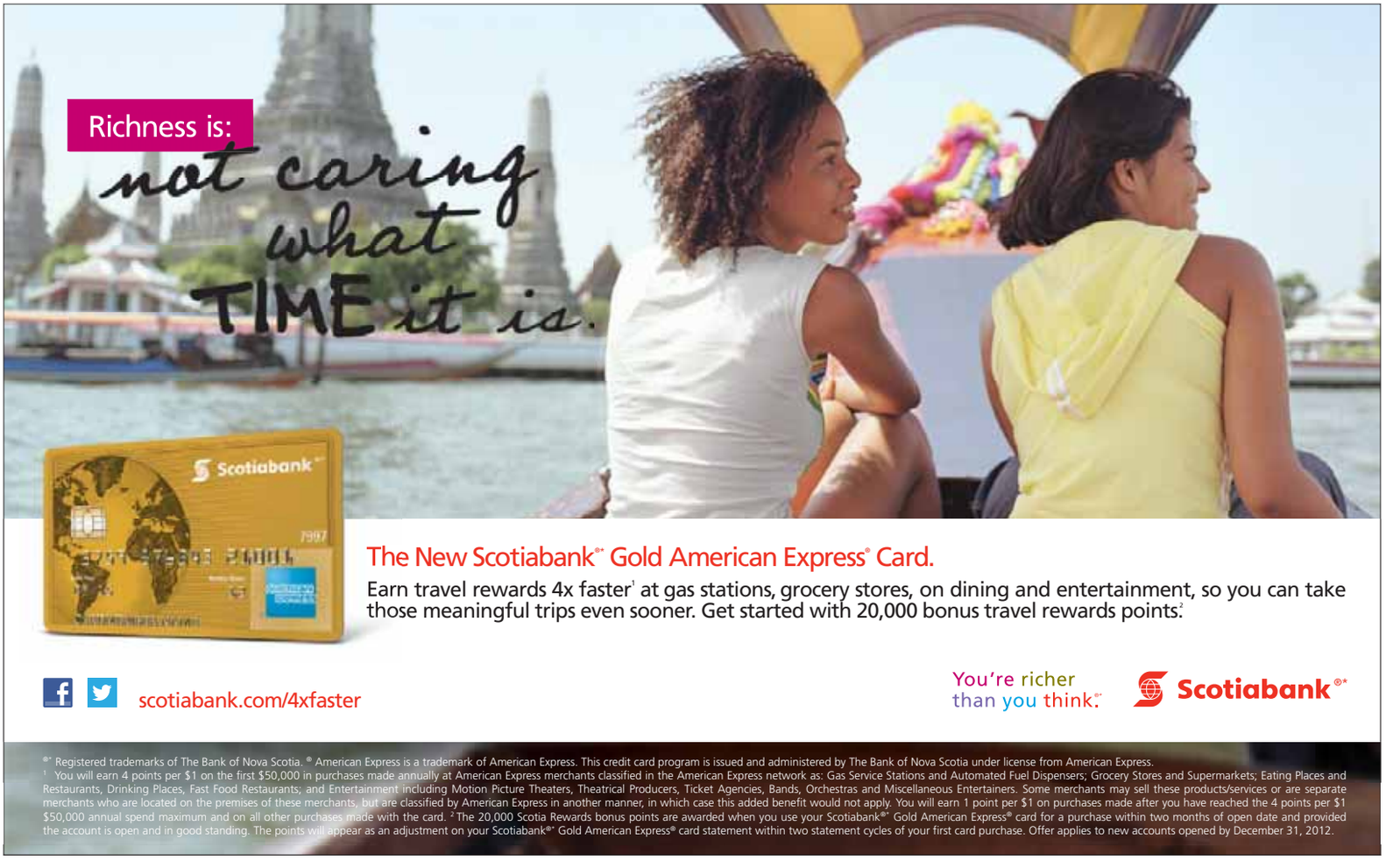
2

The stomping grounds of the Mayan and Olmec people in 1000 A.D., these low-lying wetlands are spread over 300,000 hectares. Declared a biosphere reserve in 1992, the "Centla" swamps (corncob in English) are teeming with more than 500 plant species and are home to a veritable Noah's ark of animals, from otters and ocelots to jaguars and peregrine falcons. La Casa del Agua museum on the swampland grounds gives visitors a taste of the wildlife and biodiversity humming about this natural treasure. Once up to speed, you can get more intimately acquainted with your surroundings by taking a boat tour of the area.

Copper Canyon

3

Barranca del Cobre is a system of remote and rugged canyons in the Sierra Madre mountain range in Northwest Mexico. While the rims of this UNESCO World Heritage site can be hiked, Copper Canyon is seven times the size of the Grand Canyon. The most popular way to scope out its majestic depths are by riding "El Chepe," the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railway's high-altitude train route that runs between Chihuahua City and the Pacific Coast. The marquee photo-op on the 14-hour 400-mile journey is at the Divisadero stop, where there is a spectacular view of Urique Canyon, which, at 6,136 feet, is the deepest canyon in the Copper Canyon system.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5 DELICIOUS WAYS TO SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

Ramp up the taste of the foods you eat with sweet, savoury and exciting flavours. Here are five to discover — and enjoy.

PROVOCATIVE: DULCE DE LECHE

If you have a sweet tooth, a spoonful of creamy, rich Dulce de leche will make you swoon. Dulce de leche is made by cooking milk and sugar together until it caramelizes. Make it yourself (the most basic recipe involves simmering condensed milk) or buy a prepared Dulce de leche. Enjoy it slightly melted on warm pancakes or toast, drizzled over vanilla ice cream, or slathered over rich custard for your own messy version of crème caramel.

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MYSTERIOUS: CHOCOLATE MINT

Fresh chocolate mint is best tasted with your eyes closed … first, take a long deep inhalation, then put it into your mouth: The bright, fresh flavour of mint is combined with the full rich flavour of chocolate. This delicious herb, which comes from the spearmint family and has a purple stem with green leaves, can be used in almost any recipe … think brownies and quick breads or as a garnish on ice cream. You can even steep it in a cup of hot water or put it into the bottom of your coffee mug!

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HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE: CHILI PEPPERS

Some like it hot… and that's where chili peppers come in! Chopped, fresh chili peppers wake up dishes like chili con carne and sandwiches and wraps. The heat in a chili pepper comes from something called capsaicinoids, and there are so many different types including jalapeno and South American chili peppers, which are used in a spicy salsa called sofrito. And take note: The best way to ease the burning sensation is to drink milk or eat any dairy product.

DISCOVERY: CINNAMON

Most people think of the fragrant and warm sweetness of cinnamon in apple crisp, doughnuts, warm Chai lattes and other treats. But cinnamon is delicious in savoury dishes, too. For something completely different, add ground cinnamon to black beans when you make burritos or nachos, and for a Middle Eastern inspired meal, sauté lamb with eggplant, raisins and cinnamon sticks. Sweet!

STIMULATE: GARAM MASALA

A dusting of Garam Masala on any dish adds a rich bouquet of flavours … heat from peppercorns, complexity from nutmeg, a touch of lemon from coriander, and a warm, earthy taste from cumin.

The Indian spice blend often includes cloves, cinnamon and cardamom as well — there are different versions depending on the region. Buy it ready-made or make it yourself. The different spices are toasted and then ground together.

For a delicious change, add a little Garam Masala to vegetable sautés, soups and stews.

You can also use it as a dry rub for meats before grilling, and for an exotic dessert, add a little bit to pies or cookies.

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Wolfville, N.S., is a good place to pick apples during harvest time. JUPITERIMAGES/LIQUIDLIBRARY/THINKSTOCK

Enjoy the fall colours with a bike ride in Ontario's Muskoka region. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Fall in love with Canada this season

Destinations. Many places to check out from coast to coast as the leaves start to change

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

While Canadians know how to snag cottage invites in the summer and dress up to ski down a snowy hill in the winter, what to do in the fall? After all, autumn is a beautiful season, rich with colour and activity.

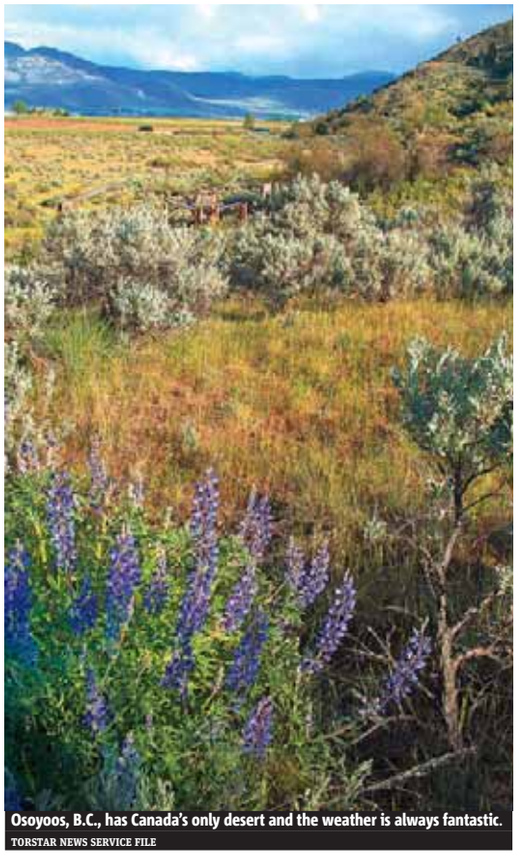
We asked travel experts to share their top Canadian destinations for the fall.

LOOK FOR BEARS, BIRDS AND WHALES

"On the B.C. West Coast it's bear and whale season and there are lots of lodges up in the Great Bear Rainforest," said Jane Burgess, the Vancouver-based brand content manager for the Canadian Tourism Commission. "This is the time when many whales follow migratory patterns. September/October is a fantastic time to see whales especially on the West Coast."

In Quebec's Gaspe region, Perce Rock is another must-see, adds Michele Sponagle, the Paris, Ont.-based president of the Travel Media Association of Canada. "Take a ferry to the island and hike through the autumn colours," Sponagle said.

"Or you can do a 75-minute boat trip and see many whales there — blue, humpback, minke. Although the hike is worth it because you arrive at the second-largest ganite colony in the world with 110,000 nesting ganite (seabirds) on a rock."



Osoyoos, B.C., has Canada's only desert and the weather is always fantastic. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

TASTE PRODUCE IN WOLFVILLE, N.S.

"It's harvest time there so there are even places to do apple tastings," Sponagle said. "For apples, they develop varietals there — they came up with the honey crisp."

Traditionally a university town, Wolfville is also Canada's newest wine region, said Sponagle, who recommends visiting Luckett Vineyards. "This winery is actually owned by a British guy and it's got a British phone box in the middle of his vineyard, so you can make long-distance calls from it anytime."

BIKE IN ONTARIO'S COTTAGE COUNTRY

While Ontario's Muskoka region is a cottage magnet in the summer, there is still time in the fall to take advantage of what this region offers — namely rich foliage and gorgeous views.

"While some operators are shutting down for the season at the end of October there's still time to get out on a bike or in a car and see them," Burgess said.

VISIT CANADA'S DESERT

"Osoyoos, B.C., has Canada's only desert and the weather is always fantastic, even in the fall. In fact, fall's even better," Sponagle said. She suggests visiting the Desert cultural centre to learn about the region and stopping by an Aboriginal-run winery. "It's an amazing place to go in fall," Sponagle said.

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Very big on sights, not size

New Hampshire. Diminutive state offers visitors a chance to 'live free and...' do all kinds of fun things

For a small state, New Hampshire offers a variety of experiences for free in the fall, whether it's scenic drives, hiking, moose watching, browsing antique shops and spotting huge pumpkins. Foliage reports show leaf colour has started showing up in the Great North Woods, White Mountains and Lakes regions, and the state just released a foliage tracker to help visitors find the best spots. The state's tourism division has also started a new campaign this year, "Live Free and ..." The fill-in-the-blank play on the state motto, "Live Free or Die," suggests that there are many possibilities when it comes to exploring New Hampshire. Here are a few suggestions to enjoy the beautiful foliage, waterways and mountains in the state at no cost. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The scenic route

The 34.5-mile (55.5-kilometre) east-west drive on the Kancamagus Highway (State Route 112) winds through the White Mountains between the towns of Lincoln and Conway. There are no restaurants, gas stations or other amenities; the emphasis is on the stunning natural beauty surrounding you. Visitors can seek out hiking trails, campgrounds and waterfalls. Some areas, such as the Rocky Gorge, were damaged during Tropical Storm Irene, but have since been restored. Bursts of colour are already showing, but the maple, birch and beech trees are at their peak usually in the first and second weeks of October. Details at visitnh.gov or kancamagushighway.com.

Camping out

Day use and camping fees are not charged at 26 camping sites, trailheads, ponds and picnic areas in the White Mountain National Forest. This is for the adventurous type who wants to backpack in and camp off the trail or at a backcountry shelter or tent platform in undeveloped or wilderness areas. Other free activities include hiking, biking and scenic drives. The trails, some of them heading up a few of the 4,000-foot (1,200-metre) mountains, offer varying degrees of difficulty. For more free opportunities, information and backcountry rules visit fs.usda.gov/whitemountain.

Moose watching

There's still a good chance to view a moose in New Hampshire's north country through mid-October. Some companies offer moose-watching tours, but the intrepid traveller can set out at dusk on Route 3 in Pittsburg, Route 16 in Errol and other roads to try to spot one. Moose are unpredictable, so it's common to see the "Brake for Moose" signs up north. More information can be found at nhgrand.com/itineraries.aspx.

Quiet escapes

New Hampshire has many peaceful, scenic settings such as the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, an open-air cathedral on a hilltop in the southwest part of the state with a great view of the Mount Monadnock. Stones taken from across the country and from overseas make up an altar recognized by Congress as a National Memorial to American men and women who lost their lives in war. The site holds public events promoting peace, interfaith understanding and respect for the environment. It is free and open through Oct. 31. Information is available at cathedralofthepines.org.

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Surfing

Not into leaf-peeping? Turn to the ocean beaches. The sand-sculpting competitions and sunbathers may be gone, but New Hampshire's mere 17 miles (27 kilometres) of coastline are attracting more surfers — in wetsuits, of course — this time of year. The watch for extreme weather conditions may keep some wary, but surfers say they contribute to some of the best surfing conditions in the Northeast. Surf spots include North Hampton Beach, Jenness Beach, Rye Rocks and The Wall on Route 1A. Information on conditions can be found at magicseaweed.com.

Raleigh's got more than just barbecue, but, oh, that barbecue

Rapidly growing city. North Carolina's capital has a number of new cultural hotspots, away from the traditional downtown region

NOLAN GAWRON
Metro World News in Boston

In the U.S.' South cities tend to expand outward instead of upward. Raleigh surely fell victim to that trend. In the past few years, however, the capital city of North Carolina has seen a welcomed and vibrant rebirth in food and arts culture. Raleigh's go-to destinations now encompass the areas around the capital building. Fayetteville, Salisbury and Wilmington streets now boast the coolest destinations and tend to be jam-packed full of patrons night after night. With the influx of new restaurants, a new light has been shed on age-old standards. Mo's Diner isn't a diner at all, but a house converted into a high-end and down-home restaurant with service in each of its three dining rooms.

Despite the new taste for the gourmet, the surrounding area still offers plenty of inexpensive options.

The Mecca Restaurant is a third-generation, family-run mainstay, open since 1930 and serving Southern cooking late into the night. And for a real bargain, head down to Cooper's BBQ for a local lunch counter experience and a barbecue that has been ranked as one of the top in the country.

When it comes to bars, Raleigh's scene is mainly underground — literally.

The Foundation Lounge is subterranean, featuring unheard of concoctions and an unmatched selection of whiskeys. For a louder and grittier experience, head to Neptune, whose basement bar features classic arcade games and rock DJs. Spearheading the downtown restaurant rebirth is chef/owner Ashley Christensen, who began by revamping Poole's Diner in 2007.

Featuring an ever-changing menu of locally-grown ingredients, this "diner" takes no reservations, has a line out the door and quickly became the standard and redefinition of local flavor. Just last year, Christensen opened three new establishments, all right next to each other on S. Wilmington Street. Beasley's Chicken + Honey is a sleek chicken and waffles spot. Chuck is a meaty cafeteria-styled restaurant. And Fox Liquor raises the bar on cocktails and mixology in the South.

Southern-fried sounds

Music growth. Raleigh also has grown exponentially in terms of entertainment. New venues have sprouted up and all participate in the yearly Hopscotch Festival. Currently in its third year, national and international acts now join the regional talent that the Hopscotch festival prides itself on. Much like South by Southwest in its infancy, Hopscotch could become the Southeast's hottest ticket. This year Yo La Tengo, The Roots and The Jesus and Mary Chain headlined the festival, while more than 175 other bands fill out the three-day, 15-venue festival. Visit hopscotchmusicfest.com for info.

Downtown Raleigh has grown rapidly, but much of its traditional charm remains. FLICKR: ORIONPOZO

Where to dine

North Carolina is famous around the world for its unique style of slow-cooked pork and chicken barbecue, but, over the years, Raleigh has become a cosmopolitan city with an eclectic mix of dining establishments. Still, if you crave a little authentic Carolina barbecue, you'll find it there, too.

Cooper's BBQ has been offering Carolina-style barbecue for more than 70 years. FLICKR: SASHAFATCAT

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CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News in New York

Historically, Martha's Vineyard is a blue-blooded summer spot, but the island is welcoming a new generation of jet-setting visitors.

Though the vineyard does remain the ideal escape for those who wish to rub elbows with the who's whom of the Northeast, it's also relatively affordable in the offseason. (Note: We did say relatively.)

Explore cutting-edge culinary delights, a bustling shopping scene and stunning landscapes that will take your breath away at any time of the year.

Where to stay

The Harbor View Hotel in Edgartown — one of the island's six charming towns — offers unparalleled waterfront views of the harbour and the Edgartown lighthouse. This 121-year-old Victorian-style hotel has all of the modern amenities we crave on vacation (late room service, plush robes, milk and warm cookies in the evenings), but gives off a regal Kennedy-like feel. The hotel offers 114 guest rooms and suites, each uniquely different, and eight spacious Captain's Cottages are available to rent or purchase if you really fall in love with the island. 131 North Water St., 508-627-7000

Where to dine

It's a sin to leave the Vineyard without indulging in a lobster roll. The traditional style of chilled lobster in a light mayo on top of a buttered roll is the favoured style of local seafood stands. Go to Faith's Seafood Shack and eat your delicious spoils on a bench at the nearby dock, or take them with you to the beach — if you can wait that long.

If you're looking to go the classier route (after all, to see and be seen in the vineyard is part of its flair), reserve a table at Water Street — the Harbor View Hotel's fine restaurant. And be sure to try the oysters and Chef Shaun Brian Sells' New England clam chowder with pork belly and chive oil.

Faith's Seafood Shack: 33 Aquinnah Circle (508) 645-4080
Water Street: (508) 627-3761

How to get there

The island is easily accessible by boat and air, so you can spend less time in transit and more time relaxing. You'll fly from Philadelphia International to a connecting flight from Cape Air. Just don't be alarmed when the flight crew asks how much you weigh — you may be flying in a tiny propeller plane with about 10 other people.

What to do

Obviously, there are miles of pristine beaches to explore, but Martha's Vineyard offers much more to see and do than catching sun and sand. Charter a boat, like the 1966 Bunker available through Harbor View's waterfront concierge, and get a tour of the island from the water.

Don't miss the eclectic shops scattered throughout the island's towns. You'll find designers like Lilly Pulitzer and non-descript vintage jewelry shops with hidden treasures scooped at sales from the island's elite estates.

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Entertain this fall season without packing on pounds

Did you know that the average Canadian gains an extra seven to 12 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day?

Fret not as you plan your next dinner party because registered dietitian Luke Corey has come up wit delicious healthy recipes to help you avoid packing on those calories and weight.

As the founder of Nova Scotia-based Complete Health and Nutrition, a nutrition consulting company dedicated to meeting the goals and objectives of clients through customized nutrition and healthy living programs, Corey knows a thing or two about healthy eating.

"Looking for a tasty way to add more vegetables to your diet?" asks Corey. "Try this fast and easy linguine recipe that's a total crowd pleaser.

"With tomatoes, onions and asparagus, this flavourful pasta dish will make you the host with the most this holiday season.

"Keep portions under control by using smaller bowls, and cut calories by finding a low-fat Parmesan option."

Linguine Margarita

This recipe serves four. MICHELLE MORADI

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely diced onion
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh asparagus, cut into 2 inch lengths
- 3 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 cup (250 ml) drained, patted dry, and coarsely chopped, oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) dry white wine
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) low-fat whip ping cream
- 3/4 lb. (375 g) dry linguine pasta
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh basil

1. In a large skillet, warm oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and asparagus and cook until asparagus is slightly soft and bright green, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 – 2 minutes until fragrant, being careful not to burn garlic. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate and keep warm.

2. To the same skillet, add tomatoes and white wine. Cover and simmer over low heat until the tomatoes are softened, about 8 – 10 minutes. Return asparagus to skillet and add cream. Cook 2 – 3 minutes to meld flavours. Season to taste with pepper.

3. In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente. Strain and place in a serving bowl. Cover with sauce and stir to combine. Top with Parmesan cheese, garnish with fresh basil, and serve.

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Student Voice

Workplaces, take graduates under your wing

Elizabeth Dorion
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I graduated in the fall of 2010 with my degree in business. During university, I specialized in management and labour studies so that I would eventually be able to become a Certified Human Resources Professional. I took all the classes necessary to complete the first step to become a C.H.R.P. I had also volunteered in my university's career centre to gain some experience with resumés and interviewing. The same month of my graduation, I took the National Knowledge Exam. I passed the test and became a C.H.R.P. candidate. I thought I had taken all the right steps to gain entry into the human resources field. I began looking for jobs before I graduated and managed to gain a interview. I didn't get the job, but I kept on trying. I applied to jobs constantly, but I didn't hear back from most. I had a phone interview or an initial interview here and there, but I never heard back from them or they told me that someone else more qualified got the job. After a year and a half of not getting anywhere, the local Human Resources Professionals Associations (HRPA) chapter was offering a mentoring program. I quickly signed up to be a mentoree and I was assigned a mentor. I spent the next three months learning as much as I could about entering the field of HR and the field itself from my mentor. Since my last meeting and making the improvements to my resumé and cover letter, I have had three interviews. Once again, I didn't hear back from them or I wasn't qualified enough. I am trying my hardest to become qualified but it is hard when no one gives you a chance.

Where I am now

I am currently working as a full-time supervisor for the employer I worked for in university. I am still looking to enter the field of human resources. I regularly look on the job boards for positions in human resources that I qualify for. I am trying to maintain my LinkedIn profile. I keep in touch with my mentor.

My advice for employers, career centres and schools

My recommendations for employers would be that if you see that someone is taking the steps to enter a career path, see it as an opportunity to help them grow their career in your company. If a person is going through so much to gain entry into the field, they will want to learn from you and they will give you their loyalty. If you are not sure if they will stay with your company after you train them, you can look at their past employment experiences or you can ask them what their future ambitions are. If you don't give someone a chance, they can't prove anything to you. My recommendations for schools would be in the final year of all programs, there should be a mandatory class where students will learn exactly what to expect in the job market and how to improve their chances. It can be a class that goes over cover letters, resumes, social media, job boards, networking, and anything that can be helpful to gain employment.

My recommendations for students

Get into a co-op program or work as intern before you graduate to get experience.

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Plotting out the CV of the ultimate problem solver

What you need to succeed. The future consultant's resumé reflects an organized, outgoing individual

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Nice and concise: Keep in mind that Harvard Business School MBA grads manage to fit their resumés onto one page — you probably can too. ISTOCK

As a recent new graduate and now business analyst at a major consulting firm, I know how tough it can be to perfect your resumé to make it 'consulting ready.'

Fortunately for me, many of my peers who were in my shoes just a year prior were there to guide me through the process during recruitment season.

Their tips, tricks, must-dos, and cautions were a saving grace, giving me the edge I needed to secure interviews and bring me one step closer to my dream job.

Now, a year later, I am excited to be in a position to share what have learned.

Top three of the CV

Key tidbits I learned while wordsmithing my resumé.

- **Keep things concise.** When proofreading your resumé, always ask yourself, "Is there a more concise way I can write this?" Chances are there is.
- **Everything should add value.** Make sure every sentence you write adds value to the overall goal of the passage. Apply the "so what" rule and eliminate phrases that do not sell your skills.
- **Tailor your resumé.** Use descriptive language that is crafted to the position and assignment you are describing.

Consulting resumé content

As an applicant, you need to focus on the following:

• Showcasing your excellent communication skills that were developed through school and work related experiences (e.g., class presentations, proposal writing etc.,)

• Consistently communicating your personal brand throughout your resumé. In other words, after someone reads your resumé, what do you want them to remember? (e.g., Jessica displays really great leadership and communication skills that she must have developed throughout…)

Describe your accomplishments

The structure of your resumé should be focused on describing your strengths and demonstrating how you provided insights and delivered tangible solutions to work and/or school related problems. You should take every possible opportunity to assign some numerical value to the work you accomplished. For example:

• You constructed a sales-focused website for Client X to homogenize their online and offline presence, resulting in an increase of 10,000 hits over the course of one month.

When discussing your work and extracurricular experience, make certain you emphasize positions that highlight your leadership, people skills, communication skills and problem-solving abilities.

Consulting firms are looking for well-rounded, intelligent and driven students who excel both inside and outside of the classroom, so it's a great idea to pull in examples from as many relevant activities as possible.

Leadership and people skills

Consulting is about working with people to solve complex problems, and firms want to know you can handle the tough interpersonal situations that arise in high-stress environments.

Provide examples of your exemplary leadership skills that have steered a team headed for failure to a successful outcome. Leaders must communicate and relate to their peers, so be sure to mention that your 'big win' was not only a result of your strategic insights, but a harmonious mixture of your communication and interpersonal skills that delivered an enticing, well-received message.

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A guru of go-to

Self evaluation. How many of these consultant-geared qualities can you count as your own?

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Unlike many of the industries and professions we feature on TalentEgg, consulting is pretty broad and accepts students from a variety of disciplines and university programs, including business, arts and humanities, science, technology and engineering.

When it comes to a career in consulting, it's less about what you know and more about how you approach problems and find solutions, as well as your ability to communicate both of those things effectively.

If you're just learning about consulting, go through this checklist one by one. If you're able to check off each of these qualities, chances are you're probably well suited to at least take a shot at starting a career in consulting.

You could be an Egg-cellent consultant if...

You love solving problems

Whether it's a mathematical equation, your best friend's relationship conflicts or a business case challenge, you thrive on identifying problems and finding ways to solve them.

Helping others feels good

Donating money to charity just doesn't cut it for you. You like to have a hand in helping other people and organizations directly so they can be stronger, happier and more successful and fulfilled in the future.

You're a data geek

You need lots of information on hand to make the best decisions. Numbers, testimonials, reviews, ratings — lay it all on you. The more data the better. Before your last major purchase, you probably filled an Excel spreadsheet with thousands of cells of data, comparing brands, models, prices, retailers and more. It was a lot of work, but you were totally satisfied with your purchase.

You make logical decisions

You're practically Vulcan-like in your desire to make logical decisions based on reason instead of emotion. If all the data points in one direction, you don't go the other way just because your gut tells you to.

You're a team player with leadership potential

You can know and accept your place on a team, and follow instructions from a capable leader. However, you can also step into that leadership position when called upon in order to develop a winning strategy and delegate roles and responsibilities to your teammates.

You can explain complex concepts in simple terms

At one point or another, you've probably told your grandparents how the Internet works and outlined the causes of the global financial crisis to your financially illiterate friend. And they totally got it.

You enjoy presentations

Most people hate presentations and studies show that many would rather die than give public speaking presentations. Yikes! You can't imagine why — you meticulously prepare for presentations, and relish in walking that fine line between using your deck to support your presentation and using it as a crutch.

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SPORTS 4

HC Davos' Rick Nash, right, is held up by SC Langnau's Mark Popovic during a Swiss League game on Tuesday in Davos, Switzerland. ARNO BALZARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL going back to the bargaining table

Lockout. Discussions won't be limited to core economic issues when negotiations resume Friday

Europe bound

- The flood of locked-out players to Europe continues, with Vezina Trophy finalist Pekka Rinne signing on with Dinamo Minsk in the KHL Tuesday and Tuuka Rask (HC Plzen), Mikhail Grabovski (CSKA Moscow), Alex Steen (Modo), Douglas Murray (Djurgarden) and Alex Semin (Sokol Krasnoyarsk) joining new teams as well.

The NHL's collective bargaining talks are set to resume after a two-week hiatus and all of the issues are open for discussion.

Not only did the league and NHL Players' Association schedule a meeting for Friday in New York, but they also agreed to reopen negotiations on matters unrelated to the economic system that governs the sport.

It's a departure in approach from the weeks leading into the lockout, when the sides focused solely on core economics. They were about $1 billion apart after each tabling offers during the last bargaining session on Sept. 12, and a new plan of attack was developed by deputy commissioner Bill Daly and Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel, during a face-to-face meeting in Toronto on Tuesday morning.

"We agreed on an agenda that made sense and might produce some forward progress," Daly told The Canadian Press.

The lockout has already forced the cancellation of September's pre-season games and it's expected that the remainder of the exhibition schedule could officially be wiped out as soon as Wednesday. After that, regular season games will be next on the chopping block.

Despite stalled negotiations, Daly said earlier this week that the process was "light years" ahead of where it was at this point in 2004. The decision to return to the bargaining table is evidence of that. Eight years ago, the sides let three months pass after the lockout was enacted before resuming talks.

While a significant economic gulf remains this time around, at least one veteran negotiator believes it's a good sign the NHL and NHLPA are willing to discuss issues such as pensions, grievance procedures and travel in the meantime.

"It means that once they settle the economic issues they want to start playing right away," said the negotiator, who requested anonymity.

Additional reminders of the damage inflicted by the lockout continue to surface with each passing day. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Tuesday that the Blues had laid off just under 20 employees and forced their remaining staff to take pay cuts or a reduced work week.

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NHL

Edmonton mayor doesn't buy Oilers' moving to Seattle

Edmonton's mayor says if the Oilers are serious about trying to relocate the NHL team to Seattle, good luck drawing fans in the Pacific Northwest.

"The Oilers have sold out, what, 150 to 200 games in a row (in Edmonton)," Stephen Mandel said in a TV interview Tuesday morning.

"In Seattle you have football, baseball, if they get an NBA team (then it will be pro basketball), college football, college basketball, and then hockey. I'm not sure you're going to sell out 18,500 seats a game or 18,300 seats a game there at $8,000 a season ticket."

Mandel was commenting on Oiler brass, including team owner Daryl Katz, visiting with Seattle officials Monday night to discuss relocating the team to that city.

In a news release, the team said it has no choice but to review other options.

"After more than four years of trying to secure an arena deal and with less than 24 months remaining on the Oilers' lease at Rexall Place, this is only prudent and should come as no surprise," said the team statement.

Mandel, however, pointed out that the latest impasse is the result of new demands made two weeks ago by the Oilers. Those demands include millions of dollars more in concessions from taxpayers on top of an arena that is already being funded mainly by taxpayers and by a ticket tax.

"We thought we had a deal a year ago in October, and now we don't have a deal," said Mandel.

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Mobile sports

Qriket

The pressure's already on for the 40 players at the Canadian women's hockey team camp this week in Calgary, who will find out in just six months if they will be invited to try out for the 2014 Olympic team.

Mitchell's bank account slashed by CFL

Khalif Mitchell is in trouble with the CFL once again.

The league fined the B.C. Lions all-star defensive lineman an unspecified amount Tuesday for multiple "throat slashing" gestures committed in the club's 19-18 win over the Edmonton Eskimos on Saturday night.

After the game, Mitchell defended his actions, saying he made a gesture in the form of a cross. But a television replay showed the defensive tackle making a throat-slashing gesture.

Earlier this season, Mitchell served a two-game suspension handed down by the CFL for violently hyper-extending the arm of Edmonton offensive lineman Simeon Rottier in the Eskimos' 27-14 win in Vancouver on July 20.

Mitchell was not penalized on the play but was suspended by CFL commissioner Mark Cohon.

Saturday night's game was Mitchell's first against Edmonton since the incident with Rottier. Mitchell flattened the Eskimos guard on the first series Saturday night and walked away without incident after quarterback Steven Jyles was sacked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Around the league

The Alouettes will be without defensive tackle Ventrelle Jenkins (bruised knee) and possibly defensive back Seth Williams (concussion) when they play the Tiger-Cats Friday.

- Jarious Jackson will get the start Saturday when the Argonauts visit the Blue Bombers. Regular starter Ricky Ray suffered strained ligaments in his knee in Sunday's loss in Montreal.

Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell gestures to the fans towards the end of Saturday's game in Edmonton. JOHN ULAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Blue Jays blank the Orioles

The Toronto Blue Jays' Yan Gomes follows through on an RBI single against the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday in Baltimore. Aaron Laffey and five relievers combined on a six-hitter as the Jays beat the Orioles for a second straight game, 4-0. Baltimore remained 1 1/2 games behind first-place New York in the AL East. GAIL BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL ref rage peaks after 'Hawks-Packers debacle

The Replacements.
NFL upholds Seahawks' controversial win against Packers on Monday Night Football

Packers Tramon Williams and M.D. Jenning vie for the football on Golden Tate's controversial game-winning catch for the Seahawks in Seattle on Monday night. STEPHEN BRASHEER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The NFL put its stamp of approval on the still-smouldering outcome of the Green Bay-Seattle game:

Wrong call.

Right review.

Wrong team still wins.

Seahawks 14, Packers 12.

With frustration mounting among coaches, players and fans, the worst fear finally materialized: A mistake by a replacement official decided the outcome of a game.

It came while the NFL and its regular officials, locked out since June, resumed talks in an attempt to resolve the impasse.

That was still a day late for the Packers.

The fiasco, which unfolded on the prominent stage of Monday Night Football, was deconstructed by the league Tuesday in a way that surely rendered little comfort for Cheeseheads.

The NFL said Seattle's last-second TD pass should not have counted because Seahawks receiver Golden Tate should have been called for offensive pass interference, ending the game with Green Bay winning.

Instead, officials ruled it a touchdown, and penalties either way are not reviewable.

That left it to whether Tate and Green Bay safety M.D. Jennings both had possession of the ball. The officials said they did, but the Packers insisted Jennings had clear possession for a game-ending interception. The NFL agreed that the replay was inconclusive, upholding the TD and giving Seattle the win.

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, normally a soft-spoken player who didn't say much after the loss, lashed out on his radio show Tuesday.

"First of all, I've got to do something that the NFL is not going to do: I have to apologize to the fans," he said on ESPN 540-AM in Milwaukee.

Even President Barack Obama got in on the conversation Tuesday, tweeting: "NFL fans on both sides of the aisle hope the refs' lockout is settled soon."

The controversy began on the final play when Russell Wilson heaved a 24-yard pass into a scrum in the end zone with Seattle trailing 12-7. Tate shoved away a defender with both hands, and he and Jennings got their hands on the ball.

"It was pinned to my chest the whole time," Jennings said.

Instead, the officials ruled on the field that the two had simultaneous possession, which counts as a reception.

"The NFL Officiating Department reviewed the video today and supports the decision not to overturn the on-field ruling following the instant replay review," the league said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A bookie's worst nightmare

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Amount of money Las Vegas oddsmakers say changed hands worldwide after NFL replacement referee Wayne Elliott's controversial call on Monday.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
New York	89	65	.578	—	—
Baltimore	88	67	.568	1½	—
Tampa Bay	84	70	.545	5	3
Boston	69	86	.445	20½	18½
Toronto	68	86	.442	21	19

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Chicago	82	72	.532	—	5
Detroit	82	72	.532	—	5
Kansas City	70	84	.455	12	17
Minnesota	65	90	.419	17½	22½
Cleveland	64	91	.413	18½	23½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Texas	91	63	.591	—	—
Oakland	87	67	.565	4	—
Los Angeles	84	69	.549	6½	2½
Seattle	72	81	.471	18½	14½

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 4 Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 2 Kansas City 0
Toronto 4 Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 5 Boston 2
Oakland 3 Texas 2 (10 innings)
Minnesota 5 N.Y. Yankees 4
Seattle at L.A. Angels
Monday's results
Baltimore 4 Toronto 1
Detroit 6 Kansas City 2
Toronto 9 Baltimore 5
Texas 5 Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 6 Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 5 Cleveland 4
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-6) at Minnesota (Deduno 6-5), 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 4-3) at Detroit (Porcello 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Villanueva 7-6) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-9) at Boston (Lester 9-13), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Parker 11-8) at Texas (Perez 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 11-15) at Chicago White Sox (Santiago 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 13-8) at L.A. Angels (Wilson 12-10), 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Cabrera Det	152	590	106	195	.331
Trout LAA	130	523	122	169	.323
Jeter NYY	150	643	95	207	.322
Mauer Min	139	518	78	167	.322
Beltre Tex	147	570	92	180	.316
Butler KC	152	581	67	183	.315
Murphy Tex	139	431	60	134	.311
Fielder Det	153	551	80	170	.309
Hunter LAA	132	503	75	153	.304
Jackson Det	129	512	97	155	.303

PITCHING — Weaver, Los Angeles, 19-4; Price, Tampa Bay, 18-5; Harrison, Texas, 17-10; Sale, Chicago, 17-7; Verlander, Detroit, 16-8; Darvish, Texas, 16-9; Scherzer, Detroit, 16-7; Hughes, New York, 16-12; Shields, Tampa Bay, 15-9; Vargas, Seattle, 14-11
SAVES — Johnson, Baltimore, 48; Rodney, Tampa Bay, 44; Soriano, New York, 42; Perez, Cleveland, 37; Nathan, Texas, 35.
Not including Tuesday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
z-Washington	93	61	.604	—	—
z-Atlanta	89	65	.578	4	—
Philadelphia	78	76	.506	15	5½
New York	70	84	.455	23	13½
Miami	66	88	.429	27	17½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
x-Cincinnati	93	61	.604	—	—
St. Louis	84	71	.542	9½	—
Milwaukee	79	75	.513	14	4½
Pittsburgh	76	78	.494	17	7½
Chicago	59	94	.386	33½	24
Houston	50	105	.323	43½	34

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
x-San Francisco	89	64	.582	—	—
Los Angeles	79	74	.516	10	4
Arizona	77	76	.503	12	6
San Diego	73	80	.477	16	10
Colorado	59	94	.386	30	24

x — clinched division title; z — clinched playoff spot
Tuesday's results
Philadelphia 6 Washington 3
Atlanta 4 Miami 3
Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 2
Pittsburgh 10 N.Y. Mets 5
St. Louis 4 Houston 0
Chicago Cubs at Colorado
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
Arizona at San Francisco
Monday's results
Washington 12 Milwaukee 2
N.Y. Mets 6 Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 6 Houston 1
Colorado 4 Arizona 2
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 9-10) at San Diego (Richard 14-12), 6:35 p.m.
Washington (Lannan 3-0) at Philadelphia (Kendrick 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 2-7), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 5-4) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 12-8), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Johnson 8-13) at Atlanta (Maholm 12-10), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 0-0) at Houston (Norris 5-13), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Berken 0-1) at Colorado (Pomeranz 1-9), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 16-10) at San Francisco (Cain 15-5), 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
McCutchen Pit	148	562	104	189	.336
Posey SF	140	503	74	167	.332
Molina STL	131	480	61	154	.321
Braun Mil	145	563	101	179	.318
Craig STL	112	438	74	135	.308
Prado Atl	148	591	78	180	.305
Scutaro SF	148	593	81	180	.304
Wright NYM	148	552	87	168	.304
Gonzalez Col	135	518	89	157	.303
Hill Ari	147	569	83	171	.301

PITCHING — Gonzalez, Washington, 20-8; Dickey, New York, 19-6; Cueto, Cincinnati, 18-9; Lynn, St. Louis, 17-7; Lohse, St. Louis, 16-3; Burnett, Pittsburgh, 16-8; Hudson, Atlanta, 16-6; Miley, Arizona, 16-10; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 16-10; Gallardo, Milwaukee, 16-8
SAVES — Motte, St. Louis, 40; Kimbrel, Atlanta, 39; Hanrahan, Pittsburgh, 36.
Not including Tuesday's games

BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 0

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	5	1	1	0	McLoth lf	4	0	0	0
Rasms cf	5	0	1	1	Hardy ss	4	0	2	0
Encrnc dh	4	0	1	1	AdJons cf	4	0	1	0
YEscor ss	4	0	2	0	Wieters c	4	0	2	0
YGoms 1b	4	0	2	1	MrRynl 1b	4	0	0	0
RDavis rf	4	1	2	0	C.Davis rf	4	0	1	0
Hchvrr 2b	4	0	1	1	Machd 3b	2	0	0	0
Arencii c	3	1	2	0	StTllsn dh	2	0	0	0
Gose lf	3	1	1	0	Thome ph-dh	1	0	0	0
					Hoes pr	0	0	0	0
					Andino 2b	2	0	0	0
					Flahrty ph-2b	2	0	0	0
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Toronto						**100**	**100**	**200**	**4**
Baltimore						**000**	**000**	**000**	**0**

E—Y.Escobar (12), Machado (4). DP—Toronto 1, Baltimore 2. LOB—Toronto 7, Baltimore 9. 2B—Hechavarria (6), C.Davis (20). S—Gose.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Laffey W,4-6	5 2-3	5	0	0	0	0
Delabar H,9	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Cecil H,1	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Lyon H,7	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver	1	0	0	0	0	1
Janssen	1	0	0	0	2	0
Baltimore						
J.Saunders L,2-3	6 1-3	11	4	3	0	2
Ayala	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Bundy	1	1	0	0	1	0

Umpires—Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Tom Hallion; Second, Brian O'Nora; Third, Chad Fairchild.
T—2:44. A—30,205 (45,971).

HOCKEY

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE TENTH DAY OF THE NHL LOCKOUT

DAY: 10.
NEXT NEGOTIATIONS: Friday in New York.
LET'S GET TALKIN': Not only did the league and NHL Players' Association schedule a meeting for Friday, they also agreed to reopen negotiations on matters unrelated to the economic system that governs the game. It's a departure from recent talks - casual as they have been - when the sides focused solely on core economics. They were about $1 billion apart after each tabling offers during the last bargaining session Sept. 12, and a new plan of attack was developed by deputy commissioner Bill Daly and Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel, during a face-to-face meeting in Toronto Tuesday.
ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR: The Pat Burns Arena officially opened in Stanstead, Quebec, in honour of the three-time NHL coach of the year, who died a year earlier following a long battle with cancer. The arena was built on the campus of Stanstead College, located near the Quebec-Vermont border. Former players Henri Richard and Guy Carbonneau and former coach Jacques Demers joined Burns' widow, Line, during a rink-opening ceremony. Burns led the 2003 New Jersey Devils to the Stanley Cup.

FOOTBALL

NFL

WEEK THREE

Monday's result
Seattle 14 Green Bay 12

WEEK FOUR

Thursday's game
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, October 1
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	12	8	4	0	332	337	16
Toronto	12	6	6	0	288	311	12
Hamilton	12	4	8	0	360	381	8
Winnipeg	12	3	9	0	237	377	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	12	9	3	0	317	222	18
Calgary	12	7	5	0	337	287	14
Saskatchewan	12	6	6	0	314	259	12
Edmonton	12	5	7	0	264	275	10

Sunday's results
Montreal 31 Toronto 10
Saskatchewan 30 Calgary 25

WEEK 14

Friday's games
All times Eastern
Montreal at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Toronto at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
B.C. at Saskatchewan, 10 p.m.
Friday, October 5
Hamilton at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday, October 6
Calgary at B.C., 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	TD	C	FG	S	Pts
McCallum, BC	0	31	84	6	121
Congi, Ham	0	34	81	1	116
Whyte, Mtl	0	35	69	6	110
Palardy, Wpg	0	17	87	5	109
Paredes, Cal	0	31	66	1	98
Shaw, Edm	0	25	63	8	96
Waters, Tor	0	13	63	4	80
Williams, Ham	72	1	0	0	74
Deangelis, Sas	0	14	51	1	66
Sheets, Sas	60	0	0	0	60
Milo, Sas	0	16	33	9	58
Whitaker, Mtl	54	0	0	0	54
Cornish, Cal	48	0	0	0	48
Lewis, Cal	42	1	0	0	44
Harris, BC	42	0	0	0	42
Walker, Ham	42	0	0	0	42
Dressler, Sas	42	0	0	0	42

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	16	7	7	55	37	25
Chicago	16	8	5	53	42	34
D.C.	15	10	5	50	47	39
New York	14	8	8	50	50	43
Houston	12	8	10	46	42	37
Columbus	13	11	6	45	36	37
Montreal	12	15	4	40	44	49
Philadelphia	8	14	6	30	29	33
New England	7	15	8	29	37	41
Toronto FC	5	18	7	22	34	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-San Jose	18	6	6	60	62	36
x-Los Angeles	15	11	4	49	54	42
x-Real Salt Lake	15	11	4	49	40	34
Seattle	13	7	9	48	45	31
Vancouver	10	12	8	38	31	40
FC Dallas	9	12	9	36	35	38
Colorado	9	18	3	30	38	45
Portland	7	15	8	29	31	51
Chivas USA	7	15	7	28	21	45

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
x- clinched playoff berth
Friday's game
Chicago at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Tuesday's results
Monterrey 3 Municipal 0
Aguila 0 Toronto FC 3
Herediano 2 Tauro FC 1

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND
Tuesday's results
Bradford 3 Burton Albion 2
Chelsea 6 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
Crawley 2 Swansea 3
Leeds 2 Everton 1
Manchester City 2 Aston Villa 4
MK Dons 0 Sunderland 2
Preston 1 Middlesbrough 3
Southampton 2 Sheffield Wednesday 0
Swindon 3 Burnley 1
West Ham 1 Wigan 4

SCOTLAND

LEAGUE CUP

THIRD ROUND
Tuesday's results
Celtic 4 Raith 1
Hearts 3 Livingston 1
Queen of the South 0 Dundee United 1
St. Johnstone 4 Queen's Park 1
St. Mirren 1 Hamilton 0
Stenhousemuir 1 Inverness 1, Iverness won 6-5 penalties.

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Tuesday's results
Bayern Munich 3 Wolfsburg 0
Schalke 3 Mainz 0
Greuther Fuerth 0 Fortuna Duesseldorf 2
Eintracht Frankfurt 3 Borussia Dortmund 3

ITALY

SERIE A

Tuesday's result
Fiorentina 0 Juventus 0

TENNIS

ATP

THAILAND OPEN

At Bangkok, Thailand
Singles — First Round — Top Seeded results
Viktor Troicki (6), Serbia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-3.
Fernando Verdasco (5), Spain, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.
Jarkko Nieminen (7), Finland, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-1, retired.
Bernard Tomic (8), Australia, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-0, 6-2.

MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Singles — First Round — Top Seeded results
Julien Benneteau (7), France, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

WTA

PAN PACIFIC OPEN

At Tokyo
Singles
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-3, 6-4.
Li Na (7), China, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.
Nadia Petrova (17), Russia, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 7-6 (4), 6-0.
Marion Bartoli (9), France, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-2, 7-5.
Roberta Vinci (14), Italy, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-3, 6-1.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Ana Ivanovic (11), Serbia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Jamie Hampton, United States, def. Kaia Kanepi (15), Estonia, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.
Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-3, 7-6 (1).
Dominika Cibulkova (12), Slovakia, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-0, 6-3.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-1, 6-1.
Sam Stosur (8), Australia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Caroline Wozniacki (10), Denmark, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-6 (3), 6-1.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, 6-2, 7-5.
Lucie Safarova (16), Czech Republic, def. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, walkover.

ATP WORLD TOUR

MONEY LEADERS

Through Sept. 23

1. Novak Djokovic	$6,972,425
2. Roger Federer	$6,261,241
3. Rafael Nadal	$4,997,448
4. Andy Murray	$4,295,110
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6. Tomas Berdych	$1,929,017
7. Juan Martin del Potro	$1,790,818
8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	$1,561,284
9. Janko Tipsarevic	$1,469,173
10. John Isner	$1,239,309
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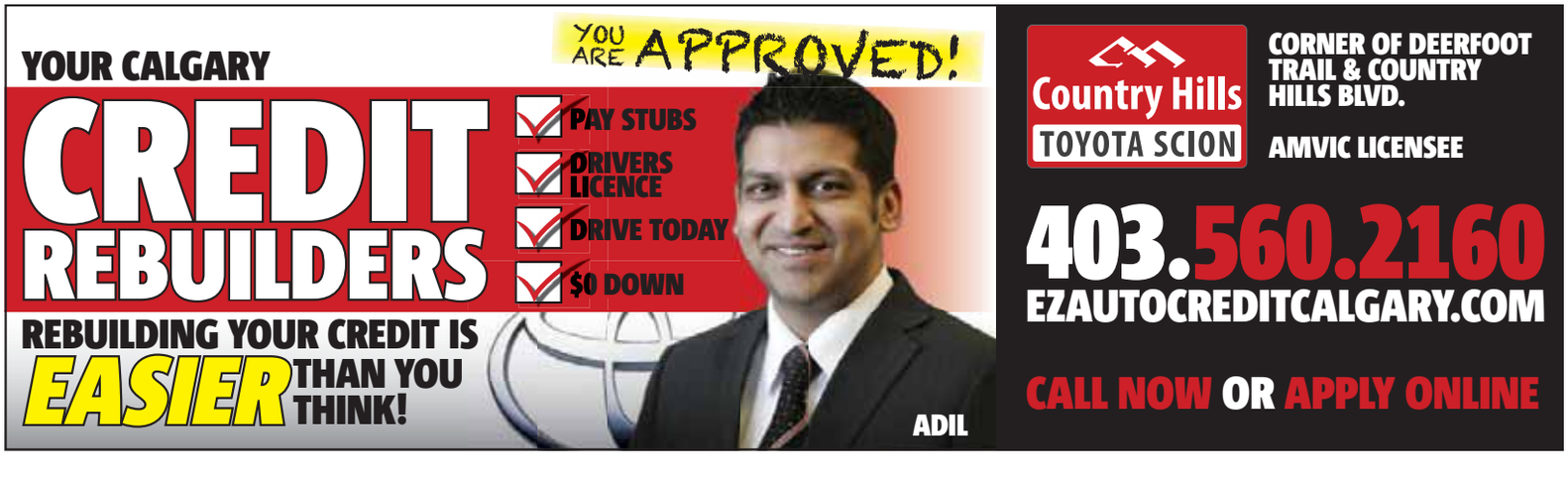
17. Milos Raonic	$946,955
36. Daniel Nestor	$557,897



DRIVE 5

Getting into Focus for 2013

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2013 Ford Focus ST

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (252).
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual.
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $31,500.

Steering

New variable-ratio power-steering makes the ST a bit sharper, while torque-vectoring control applies light inside front-wheel braking force in the turns for improved agility. And let's not forget the beefed-up brakes designed to more effectively arrest the 1,465-kilogram ST's momentum.

Shocks

Along with literally boosting the 2.0's output for ST duty, the RS/SVT gang strengthened and stiffened the Focus platform and lowered the ride height by about a centimetre. The shocks and springs are stiffer for more control, plus the front anti-roll bar is larger in diameter, which limits body lean while cornering.

Style

Visual flavour is similarly beefed up with a front spoiler, chrome-trimmed headlamps and a mesh-style grille. There's also extra rocker-panel trim along the sides. The bumper containing the exhaust outlets and tinted tail lamps are exclusive to the ST, as is the optional roof spoiler designed to reduce drag as well as aid in overall stability.

Speed

Ford claims the ST is capable of zero-to-96-km/h sprints in the low-six-second range, which is about two seconds quicker than a standard Focus hatch. Official fuel-consumption numbers aren't out yet but about 10.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.5 highway would be a reasonable guess. That's impressive considering the extra thrust.

Review. Giving an eco boost to performance

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Wheelbase Media

By now you've probably heard about something from Ford called "Ecoboost." It's a series of turbocharged engines that, depending on how the company wants to spin the propaganda, is either a way to stretch fuel dollars, or a way to give your right foot a good workout.

Put an Ecoboost four-cylinder in a seven-passenger Ford Explorer tall wagon and you have a docile fuel champ. Put roughly the same engine in a Ford Focus and fuel performance plays a quiet second fiddle to acceleration, turning and stopping performance.

It's a bookend in a rather diverse line. At one end, the Electric model represents all things lean, clean and green. At the other, the new ST, arriving soon, is positioned as the quintessential driver's car for the budget-minded.

Both models come in hatchback formats only. Middle-ground mainstream versions of the Focus can be had in either sedan or hatch variants. The ST owes its existence to Ford's European-based Team RS performance group working co-operatively with the automaker's SVT (Special Vehicle Team), which are engineers in North America responsible for breathing life into the Mustang-based Shelby GT500 and SVT Raptor pickup.

This type of colour contrast has a very narrow appeal, but the stitching seems to pull it all together.

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European automotive industry down and out — but we'll always have Paris

Auto show. World still has a love affair with European design

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The Smart ForStars concept debuting this week in Paris is so named because you can view the stars via its glass roof, and for its video projector embedded in the front hood — good for screening movies and their movie "stars" whenever the mood strikes. HANDOUT

Europe's economy is in shambles. Consequently, car demand in Europe this year is forecast to be less than 12.5 million units — the second lowest level in the last 20 years.

This is how Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne framed the situation, during an industry conference held this week in conjunction with the Paris auto show: "The European car market is a disaster. It has plunged off a precipice that doesn't seem to have bottomed out yet."

Good times.

So can we expect the upcoming Paris show to be somber and uneventful? Hardly.

I guess you can be bummed out in Paris if you tried, but you'd have to really bust a gut. Also, auto companies have to keep their models fresh whatever the economic cycle. And finally, maybe lots of Europeans can't or won't buy a new vehicle this year, but that is not the same thing as the world telling Europe to stop creating vehicles, for the world clearly still loves European designs.

The global aspect of the industry has meant that Europeans designs don't stand out like they used to, but you know what? They still stand out. American and Asian brands have made great strides, but they still don't attract the eye like most models do from Audi, Mini, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Land Rover, Volvo, Jaguar, Aston Martin, Ferrari, etc.

It doesn't hurt that European models play more in the upscale segments, but a lot of that is because they can — through great looking vehicles.

So European flair will surely continue to excite, amid and despite the chaos. The Paris show will not be diminished in any way.

The show gets underway on Thursday, but several "advance" images of some of the debutantes are already in circulation.

The most important of which is the Jaguar F-Type, the English automaker's long awaited, all-new "smaller" two-seat sports car, which channels the famous E-Type (1961-1974). Fans of Jag's more earnest sports cars of the past have been waiting for a car like this for a long while. All I'm saying at this point is "hallelujah."

Another notable two-seater to debut at Paris is the Smart ForStars. The concept tells us a lot about the direction of the new-generation Smart platform, due in North America in 2014. Basically get ready for lots of Smart variations, like a four-seater (ForFour), and something like this mini-mini-SUV thing they're calling ForStars.

And there will be more where that came from. Because Europe will not stop being Europe.

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Focus groups: Automakers are listening

Driving force. In some cases companies look for feedback from car owners, other times they mine online data or blogs to get your opinions

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Car companies like Chrysler rely on focus groups to give them consumer feedback. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

When automakers say they listen to consumers, in many cases, they literally do. Like other manufacturers of consumer goods, car companies use focus groups throughout the various stages of development.

"It's actually a group of people, typically six to 12, and it's a social conversation," says JoAnn Heck, director of consumer and market insights for Chrysler.

"The group is managed by a professional moderator to keep the conversation going, making sure they're drawing information from each participant and achieving the objectives the company wants."

There are different ways to find participants, depending on the study objectives. In some cases, they're Chrysler's customers.

In others, contact information comes from data research companies, online surveys, or even blogs.

"If we want to talk to them about their experience with Chrysler, we'll go to those owners, and we have their contact information through their purchase," Heck sways.

"If we want to know about a vehicle segment, we'll more often talk to those who bought from competitors. Sometimes we even deal with people who don't own a car, talking about their future intentions."

While quantitative data is obtained by such methods as multiple-choice questions or evaluations, focus groups are more about feelings.

"You don't just listen to the words," Heck says. "You watch them, listen for contradictions, or even tensions that come up when people try to explain things. We have the hard data about what people might think about a vehicle, while the focus groups give us the richness behind it, why they like or dislike something, and their emotions about the vehicle."

Depending on the level of research, those in the focus group may be shown the entire vehicle, or just parts of it. In some cases, they may even see something unrelated to the car, to stimulate conversation.

The research is used for everything from the vehicle's styling and usability, to how it should be advertised.

People of similar ages and lifestyles are usually grouped together, but the company only uses three or four groups of each. "After that, you'll get a lot of repetition," Heck says.

"You're looking for themes: not what one individual says, but what a number of people say."

What's involved?

- Focus groups are only part of a company's research, which can also include one-on-one, questionnaires, or even spending extended periods with people to see how they use their vehicles in their everyday lives.

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A participant at an event by Toyota Motor Corp., puts a quick charger plug into the newly-developed compact electric vehicle eQ during a test drive in Tokyo, Monday. Toyota is boosting its green vehicle lineup, with plans for 21 new hybrids in the next three years, a new electric car later this year and a fuel cell vehicle by 2015. KOJI SASAHARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leaner and greener: Toyota boosts lineup with the eQ and more

Innovation. Japanese company says long-term development potential for fuel cells is great compared with electric cars

Toyota Motor Corp. has plans for 21 new hybrids in the next three years, a new electric car later this year and a fuel cell vehicle by 2015 in response to growing demand for fuel efficient and environmentally friendly driving.

Toyota said Monday it will offer an electric compact called eQ, based on its iQ model, in Japan and the U.S. in December, though the number of the vehicles made will be extremely limited — about 100 for special fleet use, according to the company.

The car, which will be called the iQ EV in the U.S, is pricey at 3.6 million yen ($45,000 US) and has a limited cruise range of 100 kilometres.

In the U.S., an electric version of the Rav-4 sport utility model, which Toyota worked on with U.S. electric vehicle maker Tesla Motors, goes on sale this month.

The fuel cell vehicle, which runs on hydrogen to produce electricity, will be offered from 2015. Details for that model were not released.

Takeshi Uchiyamada, the executive overseeing technology and new model development at Toyota, said the long-term potential for fuel cells was great, compared to electric cars, because of greater cruise range and shorter charging time. He said tens of thousands of fuel cell vehicles are likely to get sold in the 2020s.

A good compromise at the moment is the plug-in hybrid, which works as an electric vehicle until the battery runs down, and then switches to its hybrid motor, so there's less chance of being stranded than with a standard electric car. Toyota has sold 15,600 of its plug-in vehicle since launching it earlier this year.

Uchiyamada said the positive reception for new technology, such as the hybrid, surprised Toyota, underlining the deep interest the public has in reducing emissions and protecting the environment.

Although annual hybrid sales were tiny when the Prius first went on sale in 1997, such sales have grown to more than one million a year worldwide, comprising 10 per cent of Toyota's global sales.

In Japan, where green subsidies have been a big plus in recent years, hybrids make up nearly half Toyota's sales, Uchiyamada, the engineer known as "the father of the Prius," said.

"The public's consciousness is a lot higher than we ever imagined," he said.

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Kicking it up a notch

- Like other Japanese automakers, Toyota is gearing up for expansion after getting battered the last few years by the financial crisis and disasters in northeastern Japan and Thailand that disrupted production.
- The manufacturer is also counting on its reputation for green technology that it has built with its hit Prius, the world's leading gas-electric hybrid, to woo buyers and fix its brand battered by the massive recall scandal in the U.S. a few years ago.
- But rivals are working on green offerings, too, such as Nissan Motor Co. focusing on its Leaf electric car. Another challenge is that customers in emerging markets, which are driving growth in demand for autos, are still not as interested in hybrids and other fancy — and expensive — technology.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Where affairs of the heart are concerned anything is possible today, so if there is someone you have feelings for and want to impress then turn on the charm. Don't be surprised if they fall into your arms!

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Both money and emotional matters are under good stars today, so if there is something you need to discuss, either at home or at work, don't be afraid to speak up. You'll get more than a fair hearing.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Honesty is essential today, because if others find out that you are being economical with the truth, the trust that has built up between you will be gone in a flash. If you've done something wrong, own up to it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is one of those times when you will almost certainly achieve more by doing less. Days when you can just sit back and let life come to you are few and far between, so enjoy it while you can.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are extraordinarily adventurous at the moment and today's Mercury-Jupiter link will encourage you to think and act in ways that lead to new discoveries. Life is what you make of it, so make a masterpiece.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Put your ambitions to one side and focus on personal relationships, at least for the next 24 hours. The planets are urging you to remember that the higher you climb, the stronger your emotional foundations must be.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What happens today will liven things up and encourage you to believe that your dreams are within reach. It is also a great day for friendships and relationships. The line between the two may even be blurred.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to compromise but if you are smart you will look ahead and realize that the way you treat others now will determine how they treat you in the future. Give a little now and get a lot later.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your confidence is high and you honestly believe that something marvelous is about to occur. Because you think and feel that way, you will attract people and events that bring smiles aplenty — both to you and to others.

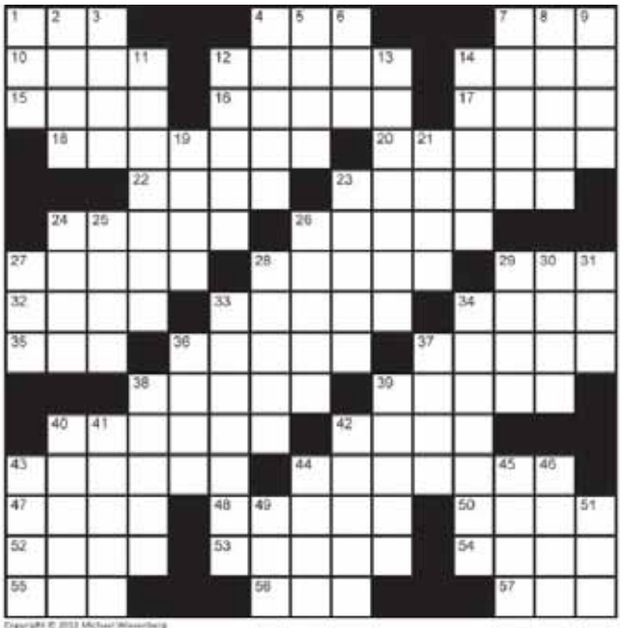
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't be afraid to approach people who can be beneficial to you career-wise. They may seem a bit cold but will soon warm up when you tell them your plans. They will also be intrigued by your self-belief.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Do yourself a favour and spend time with those you love. Not only will you have a good time but you will learn something to your advantage, something you would not have known about had you stayed away.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Almost anything you say over the next 24 hours will be greeted with approval, which is gratifying to say the least. But don't say so much that you have nothing left to talk about tomorrow, Friday and over the weekend. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Shake Before Using

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. ___ and [1-Down]: be indecisive, procrastinate
4. "Easy as ___!"
7. Chapeau
10. Iraqi or Lebanese
12. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Biblical givers
15. Bacchus's beverage
16. Molecule parts
17. "... for auld lang ___": New Year's song
18. Shopping ___: malls
20. Margot ___: Yellowknife-born Lois Lane portrayer in four Superman movies
22. Declining comments
23. Buffalo relatives
24. Bird feeder bits
26. Homes away from home during the summer
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. Groups of three
29. Poivre tablemate
32. Former: poetic
33. Pillages villages, say
34. "What is so ___ as a summer's day?"
35. Bottom line
36. BC Team
37. Like some cottage cheese (2 wds.)
38. Go by bike
39. Armour-breaking weapons of old
40. Tasks
42. Classroom furniture
43. James ___: Vancouver-born Montgomery Scott portrayer on *Star Trek*
44. 8 miles from Lake Louise, this lake has the same blue-green color and is named from the rockpile at one end
47. Deceptive manoeuvre
48. Play prompter's activity
50. Slippery fish
52. Unclosed
53. ___ Lauder: cosmetics and fragrance brand
54. Prairie Province: abbr.
55. Part of kph or mph
56. Québec summer
57. Maritime Province: initialism

Down
1. [1-Across] and ___
2. Guitarist Clapton
3. Head of hair
4. Appetizer spreads
5. Wall St. offerings
6. *Nightmare on ___ Street*
7. Composer Franz Joseph
8. *Citizen Kane* or *Hush Hush Sweet Charlotte* actress Moorehead
9. Amphitheatre level
11. R.B. ___: 11th Prime Minister (1930-35)
12. "Say 100 Hail ___": priest's suggestion for penance
13. Edmonton's CFL team
14. __-___: basis for Windows, originally
19. "Told you I could do it!"
21. AOL and Comcast
23. Prepares a hook
24. Father
25. ___ Coast
26. Witch
27. Chess or checkers pieces
28. Hammer and screwdriver, e.g.
29. Home plate ruling
30. Historic periods
31. Permit
33. Driver's ___: teenager's quest
34. Alberta-BC border feature
36. Constellation named for a stringed instrument
37. US space gp.
38. Montréal singer-poet Leonard most known for "Suzanne"
39. Become one company
40. Two-door auto
41. Canadian term of disrespect
42. Recipient
43. Abandon, as a subject
44. Catcher's glove
45. Bimonthly tide
46. Other
49. Employ
51. Schuss or wedel

Yesterday's Crossword

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		9	3	5	4			
	7		2					
		7				6	9	3
8	6	3				1		
					6		5	
			5	9	2	3		
2			7		1	8	4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: 16° MIN: 8°	MAX: 21° MIN: 8°	MAX: 24° MIN: 8°

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